

Lt. Tom Brown, of the North

ernoon. Recently promoted to

years, leaving here in 1942, when

transferred to New Bern. He is

ces Beasley, of Plymouth.

Lieutenant Brown was

## THE ROANOKE BEACON

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

AND WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS

Carolina Highway Patrol, was a **VOLUME LX-NUMBER 48** visitor in Plymouth Monday aftPlymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, December 1



Creswell Liquor

Store Is Entered,



Public presentations of the | inal script written and directed Plymouth High School Band's sec- by Mrs. Ethel G. Hopkins, direcmarried to the former Miss Fran-Plymouth High School Band's sec-ond annual "Merrie Minstrels" for of the high school band. Pro-ceeds of the show will be used will be given in the high school for the benefit of the band. Dur-

A Plymouth man saw the group auditorium here tonight and to- ing the intermission each night a of farmers assembled at the agri- morrow night. The performances turkey will be raffled off. culture building here Tuesday for are scheduled to begin each night Put on the for the first time the annual Farm Bureau meet- at 8 o'clock. A special matinee here last year, the minstrel show ing and wanted to know "What's is being given this afternoon at was a pronounced success and 1 o'clock for the benefit of the is reported to have drawn the shelled corn or cash with which Edwards, of Hookerton, president the matter-farmers on a strike?" school children. largest crowd ever to witness a

The black-face show is an orig- program at the local school.

break habits for a long time. For example, the front door of the Plymouth Drug Company used Prizes Are Awarded ed. Then Joe David, proprietor got the idea to change a counter from one side of the store to the To Corn Contestants other. This necessitated changing the hinges on the door, and now the door opens to the left as one enters. There are a lot of snickers, when a person reaches for the handle of the door on the wrong side, going in or coming out. Just an old habit.

Sudden changes often don't

The crowd attending the annual Farm Bureau meeting here Tuesday had quite a laugh out of awarding the prizes to winers in the 1949 corn contest in the county-especially in the case of the top winner, Ervin Ambrose, of Creswell, who is a single man: One of the first-prize items was the offer by Dr. C. McGowan to give his services free in the delivery of a baby, boy or girl, as long as it was only one, together with service of a nurse and all other necessities including diapers. Now Ambrose can go about the business of getting married with his mind free of at least one worry

M. W. Spruill, of Plymouth, chairman of the county board of Raleigh Hearing elections, has received the new registration book from the state board of elections, which recently sent them to all counties in the state. The new single volume replaces the old system, under which registrars kept separate books for each party.

Knowing that one of the corncontest winners is very much in the courting stage, it seems that possibly there was collaboration between County Agent Hays, who presented the awards, and Shep Brinkley, owner of Plymouth's theatres. passes to the movies for this senting the Southern Albemarle young winner. They figured, no doubt, that the passes would last Monday with the State Highway for at least six shows.

**Schools Close on** 20th for Holidays

> Monday of this week found school children back at their desks following the brief Thanksgiving holiday period. Now a longer and more keenly anticipated holiday looms ahead. According to information received from the office of the county superintendent of schools, all Washington county schools wil close at the end of the day's classes Tuesday, December 20 and reopen Monday morning, January 2, 1950.

There is no doubt but that this news will meet with the hearty approval of the hundreds of children of school age in the county.

Held on Bridges farm organization. For This Section The first place winner, Ervin it but is willing to donate the Ambrose of Creswell, produced corn.

Committee From Southern cate. Prizes were a \$10 welding

A bridge committee composed of men from four counties in this Store; shave, haircut, massage, Brinkley donated 12 section of the state and repre-Association conferred in Raleigh option 1, with nurse and all ac-

& Public Works Commission and J. N. Dave asked the latter body to think asked the latter body to think more favorably about building two bridges in this section, one yield of \$122.76 bushels. Prizes two bridges in this section, one yield of \$122.76 bushels. Prizes two bridges in this section, one yield of \$122.76 bushels. Prizes over the Croatan Sound and the were 1 table lamp from W. J. test is open to everyone except Woolard Furniture Co.; electric test is open to everyone except door chimes, East Carolina Sup-The bridge committee was named at a special meeting of the exe- ply Co.; 1 case motor oil, Economy Auto Supply. Third place. Herbert R. Chesson, Mackeys, 1 bed lamp, East Carolina Supply Co.; door chimes, same firn ; 25 lbs. alemite, Plymouth Oil Co



Or Cash to Buy Corn for nual Session Here Friendship Train

Canvassers for contributions of to buy corn are busy in Wash- of the North Carolina Farm Buington county in an effort to col- reau, as he addressed the annual lect sufficient corn to fill a freight car in Plymouth Saturday morn-ing of this much This is the ing of this week. This is the county's part in a nationwide drive for corn with which to alleviate the suffering overseas. The of the population of this nation is listed man in the U. S. Army, national organization known generally as CROP or Christian Rur-

Prizes Donated by Local al Overseas Program is sponsor-Business Firms; Certifi- ing a "Friendship Train" which cates Awarded at Farm ped overseas for relief of the **Bureau** Meeting needy.

Winners in the 1949 Washington county corn contest received in Raleigh yesterday and could \$8. "We just want the record kept river to hunt squirrels. He said certificates and notification of not be reached for comment but straight," he emphasized. prizes during the annual Farm E. H. Liverman, the Plymouth Bureau meeting in the courthouse chairman, stated that a truck is dent drew a hypothetical figure Armstrong failed to return, and here Tuesday. County agent W. available to pick up corn at the of the farmer's family car and after waiting until 7 o'clock that V. Hays presented the awards. farms of all those unable to bring likened soil conservation to the night the family became alarmed The prizes were donated by Plym- it to Plymouth but wishing to paint on that car. The PMA he and sent Rebecca Armstrong, sis outh business firms and in each have a part in filling the freight classified as the ruber tires, the ter of the missing man, to notify case the winner was notified of car. The capacity of the car is extension service as the ignition the police. Alvin Allen, local poprizes and told that they estimated at around 750 bushels and the Farm Bureau as the en-liceman, received the report and Increased Peanut could be obtained by calling at or more.

the place of business of the don-Mr. Liverman said that it hoped to fill the railroad car Sat- added. or. Mr. Hays remarked that excellent cooperation had been ex- urday morning and if this is not by Plymouth merchants done, those in charge of the proand businessmen and pointed out gram in the county will strive to we can have for fair exchange that when it is considered that have it loaded Monday morning. the prizes given by them in this It is emphasized that the corn contest exceeded the dues paid should be shelled and that burlap by farmers for membership in or cotton bags should be used. the Washington county Farm Bu- However, the leaders of the proreau, it is surprising that so many gram do not intend to let lack of farmers of the county lack the interest to join and support the hold back the donation of corn by anyone who can not shell or bag

12.78 bushels per acre and the ed a 100-bushel club cesto

Albemarle Association in job from Pete Price; a bag of Conference With High- hog supplement and a bale of hay from Plymouth FCX; 1 bed way Commission Monday lamp, East Carolina Supply Co.: 1 pair overalls, Browning's: \$

tended

in merchandise, Womble Drug tonic and shoe shine, Peoples Bar ber Shop; Free Baby, boy or girl cessories, birdseye food, etc., Dr. McGowan.

County Being Canvassed for Donations of Shelled Corn Head of State Organization Emphasizes Benefits of Drownedin River Federation in Talk at An-Ralph Armstrong, Army

Man Home on Leave, Missing After Hunting Trip; Boat Found

Grappling hooks were still being used yesterday afternoon in the Roanoke River near the pulp mill here in an effort to recover the body of Ralph M. Armstrong, look after our own affairs," the 31, of Plymouth, missing since speaker continued. "83 per cent late Monday afternoon. An ensaying that they want cheap food Armstrong is believed to have and fibers from the other 17 per fallen out of an outboard-powered

went on to point out that right | The young man left the home will be loaded with corn and ship- now in Watauga County farmers of his parents on Monroe Street are selling Irish potatoes at \$1 here around 2 o'clock Monday per hundredweight, while the afternoon and told his mother that L. E. Hassell of Roper, county stores everywhere are retailing he was borrowing his father's chairman of the CROP drive, was the same commodity at around gun and motorboat to go up the he expected to return home about

keep this family car moving," he where the Armstrong boat is usu-

boat, to go up the river in search of the missing man and boat. Williams said that he had seen a boat near the pulp mill. When they returned they found that the boat had drifted over to Tallow Island, opposite the mill.

Having enjoyed this fall the The gun was in the boat, but nicest weather in years for harthe paddle was missing and the vesting peanuts-many of which motor had a sheared pin. The were in the fields in January last paddle was found near the island year before being picked-farm-Wednesday morning. ers of this section are now think-

The Coast Guard Air Base at ing of next year's peanut crop Elizabeth City was called for help allotments. Monday night, but since Plymouth is not in the same district it was necessary to contact Congressman Bonner at Washington. The Coast Guard station later announcement by the national agsent a boat by truck with three men as a crew. They arrived Tuesday afternoon around 2 o'clock and began to drag for the section in arriving at their own on the front door of the store til 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning. Ausbon stated this week that no partment. The number was strong in his boat and talked to procedure to be used next year. him between 4:30 and 5 o'clock

Sixth Break-in in Last Several Years; 25 Cases of Whiskey Missing; Car Is Stolen Also

For the sixth time in the last three or four years the ABC store at Creswell was broken into Saturday night of last week, and 25 The 1950 state license plates

cases of whiskey are missing from for motor vehicles go on sale the stock. Sheriff J. K. Reid. who was summoned Sunday ed license branch office at the morning at 9:30 o'clock, investi-Etheridge Company here. Color gated the break-in and reports scheme of the tags is just the that he has a strong opinion as to who robbed the store and that it was the work of non-county resiters and numerals on a black dents.

> The sheriff found that the front door lock had been cut, apparently with heavy clippers, and that the store had been entered and the 25 cases of whiskey taken. Nothing other than the whiskey was disturbed in the store, however. Efforts by the sheriff to obtain fingerprints failed.

A 1947 Chevrolet club coupe was stolen the same night, supposedly by the robbers, from in front of the home of P. W. Littlejohn, principal of the colored school at Creswell. The car be-

longed to Littlejohn, whose home the police. Alvin Allen, local po-liceman, received the report and went with the girl to the docks where the Armstrong boat is usu-ally kept. When they failed to find the boat, Allen got Jack Williams, local logger who has a good-sized 1950 Crop Goals Likely To the edge of a swamp 500 yards from the ABC store, together Be Announced by Secre- with books and papers belonging tary of Agriculture Bran-to Littlejohn. One book was found in the street in front of the store

> The sheriff surmises that the robbers drove into Creswell on one car and stole Littlejohn's because it would require more than one vehicle to haul the 25 cases of whiskey

Sheriff Reid is now working in conjunction with the chief of police at New Bern and states he Announcement from Secretary hopes soon to pick up the persons of Agriculture Brannan of the who committed the robbery. An 1950 state acreage allotments for out-of-town automobile was seen peanuts is expected today. This parked in front of the store on the Wednesday before the breakricultural head will serve as a in, and a man was seen to get guide for farmers throughout the out of the car and try the knob estimates of what their acreage about 8 o'clock at night. A bystander on the street took the li-County Production Marketing cense number of the car and later

Play December 6

The senior class of Creswell

Joyce Snell: Jill Carter, Marian's

In the past, the lack of coordi-

The State Farm Bureau presi- 5:30 o'clock that afternoon. gine or propelling force. "Let's went with the girl to the docks

Edwards declared that the "parity principle is the soundest basis of farm commodities. Somebody has been at work in Washington City, but not enough have been at work there."

The speaker credited the Federated Farm Bureaus and the Nashelling or sacking of the corn ble for the strong national farm program and urged the crowd of around 100 Washington County

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"Farmers, start thinking more for yourselves," exhorted A. C. Washington County Farm Bureau

"We have a duty to perform, to cent of the population." Edwards boat and drowned.

## Aged Resident of Plymouth Passes other over the Alligator River. The bridge committee was name

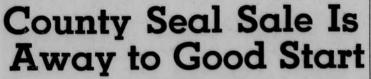
Funeral services were held cutive committee of the South-Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock ern Albemarle group held in at Long Acre Chapel Christian Plymouth last Wednesday. Mem-Church for Mrs. Annie Esther bers of the bridge committee are Bowen, of Plymouth, who died at W. L. Whitley, Washington coun-1 o'clock Saturday afternoon at ty; C. W. Tatum, Tyrrell county; her home here after one day's ill- P. D. Midgette, Hyde county; and ness. The services were conduct. D. V. Meekins, Dare county. E. ed by the Rey, Harold Tyner, of O. Arnold of Skinnersville sub Bath, assisted by the Rev. J. D. stituted on the committee for W Waters, of Plymouth. Burial was L. Whitley, who was unable to Aged Resident of in the Bowen family cemetery on attend the Raleigh meeting due Plymouth Route 1. Mrs. Bowen to press of private business. Although the bridge committee was 81 years of age.

Daughter of the late Cleophas got no promise and no definite Latham and Cornelia Bowen La- commitment, the Commission did lived in Plymouth all her life. sometime in the future. She was married to J. R. M. Bow-1884

years in the ladies' aid society of some other source, namely, the that church.

"Surviving are one son, Clardaughters, Mrs. Frank Askew, ern Albemarle Association, Har-1; one brother, John W. Latham, Carolina Coastal Highway Corof Los Angeles, Calif.; several

grandchildren and great-grand-(See BRIDGES, Page Eight) children



The annual Tuberculosis Seal | conducted among business and Sale for Washington county is off professional men went over, toto a splendid start, according to gether with the fine showing of a report from the county chair- the first week's seal sale drive, a report from the county chair- the first week's seal sale drive, hold its regular bandaet inter present at the drawing, however, great by M. R. Klass, jr., of I feel that the 1949 drive should ing in the lunchroom at Roper to be eligible for a prize, contest- warden. Mr. Lucas then intro- V. F. W. To Meet Tonight be a definite success." Plymouth.

The drive began for all resi-Receipts totalling \$152.50 were turned in for the county during dents of the county on Monday, meeting is composed of Aubrey the first week of the drive. Solici- November 21 and letters contain- Dixon, chairman, Henry Everett eral artistic effect, originality, in- Pugh's address was informal and tation this year is entirely by ing Christmas seals were mailed and James Rea. mail and there are no community to many white and colored citizens of Washington county. Re-

Chairmen as in the past.Zens of washington county. Re-<br/>washington county. Re-<br/>brint in decorations.Sonry.Sonry.Mrs. Klass declared the first<br/>week's receipts to be "most grati-<br/>fying," and added, "Consideringcipients of these letters were in-<br/>structed to send in contributionsficers for the coming year and all<br/>members are urged to be present.<br/>A guest speaker will be pre-It is hoped by the Jaycees that<br/>every home in Plymouth will par-<br/>ticipate in the Christmas decora-Certificates of 25-year member-<br/>all members are urged to T. C. Bur-<br/>all members to be present as there<br/>are some important matters to be how well the recent bond drive as they chose.

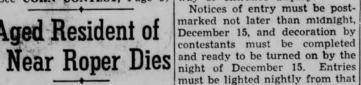
W. C. Stephenson, Roper, fourth, (See CORN CONTEST, Page 5)

way or entrance display.

A spokesman for the committee Ridge section near Roper, were contest. en in Beaufort on March 13, gave the Highway Commission conducted at Holly Neck Disthree choices: It could build two ciples church at 3 p.m. Friday, be accepted for each home. How-The deceased was a member of free bridges; it could build two November 25 by Rev. Will Stev- ever, competing homes may have the Long Acre Chapel Christian toll bridges; or it could help the enson. Interment followed in the other decorations in addition to Church and was active for 30 Albemarle get funds or aid from church cemetery.

federal government.

Mrs. George Askew and Mrs. A. H. Harris, all of Plymouth Route N. C., attorney for the Virginia-at the time of her death. Surviving are two daughters, poration-a municipal authority-



Funeral services for Mrs. Sallie date until January 1, 1950. They tham, of Beaufort County, she listen "sympathetically" and Ann Bateman who died Wednes- will be judged several times durwas born November 23, 1868, and agree to talk in definite terms day, November 23 at the home ing this period by members of the of a granddaughter in the Pea Jaycees acting as judges of the

> Only one type of display will New Bern Man Is Principal the entry, but any such other dec-Born in Tyrrell county, April orations will not enter into de-1870, the daughter of Mr. and termination of winners. Types of

Although the mission to Ral- Mrs. Tate Daniel Bateman, Mrs. displays to be judged and prizes ence Bowen, of Plymouth; three eigh was sponsored by the South- Bateman had been a resident of to be given winners in each type Washington county for the past follow:

Best decorated tree on lawn (no light limit), \$20.

Best decorated lawn and house Mrs. C. T. Riddick of Roper and (no light limit), \$20.

Mrs. J. A. Walton of Fernandina, imit if tree is used, otherwise Florida; one son, C. A. Warriner of Portsmouth, Virginia; 9 grand-16-light limit), \$20.

Best decorated entrance (16 children and 11 great-grandchildight limit), \$20. All entry cards will be placed

Mrs. Bateman was a member of Holly Neck Disciples church. drawn, the person whose card is

**Roper Ruritan Club Meets** Tonight; To Elect Officers awarding of prizes is to be an-

The program committee for the type of lighted display. Judges will be guided by gen-

Among the principal business and conformity to the Christmas with interesting aspects of mawill be the annual election of of- spirit in decorations.

sent for the occasion. tions contest.

The 1950 Plymouth city automobile license plates have not arrived yet, it was reported by City Clerk W. A. Roebuck late members of the sponsoring oryesterday. State license tags ganization and that to enter the went on sale today at the recently established branch ofcontest it is necessary only to mail a postal card to Box 554, fice at the Etheridge Company, City, giving name and street adlocated on the edge of Plymdress and stating which type of outh on U. S. 64 toward Roper. decoration the entrant plans to Town tags may be obtained use. The four types of decoraand displayed as soon as they tion are tree display, lawn disarrive and notification will be play, window display and door-

made in this newspaper. Tags will be on sale at the office of the City Clerk in the municipal building on Water Street.

About 100 Attend **Banquet Tuesday** Staged by Masons

ters' Night

lodge charter. The master of the lodge, L. E. stills.

Doxey, served as toastmaster for

church. A three-course turkey The second still was found about Washington County states that available. Persons wishing to drawn winning a grand prize of dinner was enjoyed by the gather- 300 yards from the old Plymouth-

Invocation was pronounced by and destroyed 100 gallons of beer

The Roper Ruritan Club will contestants do not have to be cas. The address of welcome was stills were oil-burning outfits. hold its regular banquet meet- present at the drawing. However, given by W. A. Roebuck, senior high school tonight at 7:30 o'clock. ants must have had at least some duced the speaker of the evening,

Robert Pugh, of the New Bern lodge, a 33rd degree Mason. Mr

genuity in utilizing surroundings interspersed with wit and dealt Post No. 4023, Veterans of For-

SONTY

Armstrong was wearing heavy of the law, which retains a mini- stery play, "Hobgoblin House," ubber hip boots and a hunting mum acreage for certain states. which will be presented in the acket with considerable ammuni. This reduction brought the school auditorium Tuesday, Deion. He is said to have been a acreage down in Washington cember 6. good swimmer, but even the best County from 5,925 acres planted The cast of characters follows: swimmer would be severely han- in 1948 to an allotment of 5,- Darius Krupp, the old caretaker dicapped if dressed in like man- 012.7 acres for the county in 1949. of Hobgoblin House, Ronnie Prit-

ner. The missing man was home on planted to peanuts in the county present owner, Esther Mae Hufeave after spending the past 18 over the 1946-48 period was 6,- ton; Marian Carter, her niece. months in Alaska, and he was to 614.8 acres. eport for duty at Fort Riley, Kans., December 13th He had age, yields have been cut greatly Frank Harlow Marian's fiance. been at home for two weeks Mon- in this section by unfavorable Eugene Davenport; Jack Loring,

Speaker at 138th Anni- Local Officers Make Raids versary and Past Mas- In Skinnersville Township

Sheriff J. K. Reid, Deputy W.

and a number of invited guests Creswell, and Foy Davenport, had a big night Tuesday of this Plymouth policeman, raided two week, when the local lodge, Per- illicit stills in Skinnersville Townseverance, No. 59, A. F. & A. M., ship last week, and although no held its annual Past Masters' one was caught at either still the banquet in celebration of the officers destroyed 600 gallons of Best dressed window (no light 138th year since issuance of the mash and 10 gallons of whiskey, in addition to confiscating the

day

The first still was located withthe banquet, which was served in in 100 yards of U.S. Highway 64 the annex of the Plymouth Chris- and was a big copper outfit, 500

Columbia road and officers found \$20. The time of drawing and ing, numbering around 100.

nounced later. In order to win, the chaplain, the Rev. R. H. Lu- and 10 gallons of whiskey. Both

Memebrs of the Bosie Bateman eign Wars, will meet tonight at

8 o'clock in the courthouse. Ralph

County Game Protector J. T. information has been received traced and proved to be that of Terry reported that he saw Arm- here on the allotments or on the a New Bern car.

**New Auto Tags** 

**On Sale Today** 

today at the recently establish-

reverse of the 1949 tags. The

new licenses have yellow let-

Motorists may obtain and dis-

play the license plates at any

time from today onward. Old

licenses must be replaced with

new ones in order for motorist

to drive their cars legally after

the deadline next February 1.

branch office here should prove

popular with Washington coun-

ty motor vehicle owners as they

formerly had to obtain their

tags from offices in William-

ston, Washington or Edenton.

nan Today

Establishment of the new

background.

In 1949, peanut acreages were Monday afternoon. A watchman reduced by 22 per cent on a na-**Creswell Senior** at the pulp plant reported seeing tional basis with varying adjusta man in a boat off against the ments by states and counties. mill near sundown Monday. He Those adjustments were made in stated that the man was stand- accordance with acreage history ing by the motor as if working on for the three-year period from

1946 through 1948, and limitations high school is rehearsing a my-

The average number of acres chett; Miss Priscilla Carter, the

In addition to the reduced acre- younger sister, Joyce Davenport; weather conditions augmented Jill's fiance, Wade Hufton; Susan

perhaps by drainage problems Parkins, the "Henglish 'ousekeepwhich exist in places. Reports er", Iva Mae Bateman; Henry from British peanut-growing Goober, the darky gardener, Cur-areas in Africa indicate that yields tis Armstrong; Delilah Worts, the have been below expectations darky cook, Betty Jo Davenport; there, which also affects the world Bluebeard Bronson, an escaped Plymouth Masons, their ladies D. Peal and W. S. Ainsley, of Plymouth Masons, their ladies D. Peal and W. S. Ainsley, of for peanuts for both the edible Bill Kilkins, his keeper, Bill Wiltrade and for oil could possibly kins; and Patricia, Maude Grace Davenport. mean acreage increases

## **Christmas Cheer for Poor Being Planned**

Roy Hampton, chairman of the from shoppers. Receptacles for together in a box and one card tian Church by the ladies of the gallons of beer being destroyed. Christmas Welfare Drive for | cash donations also will be made all persons will be provided the type of donation from their homes opportunity this year to conveni- may leave the parcels at Mr. ently contribute to a corporate Hampton's office. Those who de-Christmas cheer effort. sire to independently take care

It is hoped that an early wave of one or more of the needy cases of giving will make possible early will be furnished a case history assimilation and accurate distri- upon request. At Courthouse, 8 o'clock bution of the gifts. Mr. Hamp-

ton explained that this is a pub- nated effort on the part of various hic drive and the the case his- religious and civic organizations tories of the needy as furnished in the county has been felt in reby the welfare officer would de- gard to the Christmas welfare termine the distribution of the program. With better organiza-

provisions. tion, it is hoped this year to make Labeled barrels are to be placed the campaign one of real cheer at stores and business houses in for the needy and a success from Plymouth to receive contributions every standpoint.



