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Workmen under the supervision of Police Chief P. W. Brown are rebuilding the wharf owned by the town and used by tugs and other boats to load on supplies. The wharf was ripped up recently by a tug which fouled up in it while weighing anchor. Heart oak piling treated with creosote are being used to strengthen the

Inconvenience could hardly b the excuse for not contributing t the March of Dimes for any resident of Plymouth who ever gets up town. On the sidewalk in front of Womble's Drug Store is a shelf arrangement of many jars, each bearing a name. A painting of a baby is at the top and underneath a sign invites passersby to drop their coins in the jar bearing the name of a baby dear to

The mild, springlike weather which has prevailed in this section for the past several days has evidently made people gardenconscious. One local hardware dealer reports that onion sets, cabbage plants and other seeds for vegetable gardens have been moving briskly.

Dr. W. H. Johnson, local dentist who has just returned to Plymouth after spending a month at Hot Springs, Arkansas, announced earlier this week that his office will be open from today (Thursday) on and that the regular hours will be observed.

According to Bill Ruffin, Washington County director of the March of Dimes, the Town of Plymouth has generously agreed to donate all parking meter receipts Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week to the polio

The courthouse floors and steps are getting a good painting by degrees in order not to disturb the everyday business carried on there. The color-battleship grey.

Fishing in company with four other local men at Conaby Creek Monday, Hugh Brown caught a speckled perch" that weighed 3 Building and Loan pounds 2 ounces. Although not

Anyone having cakes, pies, cupcakes, cookies or candy to donate to the display which will be on sale for the benefit of the March of Dimes at Norman Furniture Company tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock is requested to call Mrs. Harry Barnhill, telephone 272-1 or Jack Weaver at Weaver's Studie. Items will be picked up for those desiring this service.

Corn has been placed under government control and acreage allotments will go into effect in Washington County, among other counties, in 1950.

Any farmer who desires to plant corn in 1950 but who has not grown corn on his farm during the years 1947, 48 and 49 must make aplication at the PMA office in Plymouth for a new grower's contract not later than January 31.

Miss Miriam Ausbon, chief člerk at the local PMA office, urges any such farmers to come in at once and get their applica-

to Miss Miriam Ausbon, PMA sec- 1949 was \$166,755.10.

Washington County was includ- of stock in its 49th series on Jan- sent home. ed in the counties ruled as com- uary 1st. Installment stock series mercial corn-producing area and are opened every quarter and thus subjected to acreage allotments for the crop during 1950.

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### **Tuesday Is Last Day** To Use 1949 Licenses

Sales of 1950 state license plates picked up somewhat during the past week at the branch office of the Carolina Motor Club at the Etheridge Company here, according to figures released late yesterday by F. G. Jordan, jr., manager of the of-

A total of 305 sets of license plates in all categories were sold since the last report published a week ago. Of these, 228 sets were for automobiles. The sales now stand at 918 sets for automobiles; 12 sets for motorcycles; 135 sets for private trucks; 29 sets for farm trucks; 89 sets for small commercial trailers; and 12 sets for large commercial trailers.

Sales of Plymouth town tags for motor vehicles have now reached 424, City Clerk W. A. Roebuck reported yesterday af-

Every motor vehicle must carry new state license plates after midnight, January 31, or be subject to prosecution. An motorists living within the city limits of Plymouth must carry city tags on their vehicles after the same date.

## **Nominate Members** For Board Elections Here February 11th

### **Funds for Party** Day Not Raised

H. H. Allen, chairman of the Democratic executive a mittee of Washington County, announced yesterday that the county had not yet raised its quota of \$150 set by state party leaders as its share of funds being raised in the state in connection with the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner to be held Saturday night at Raleigh.

It is expected that three persons will attend the dinner from the county but it could not be learned who would attend as the Beacon went to press.

# pounds 2 ounces. Although not unheard of, this is a good sized perch. Fourteen other fish were taken by the party. Statement Reflects are Moye W. Spruill, of Plymouth, chairman; L. S. Brown, Carr. is the Research of the R

Increase Also Shown in stated that he did not wish to ed Profits

Progress made by the Plymouth board choose their own chairman. Building & Loan Association during the past year is reflected in chairman of the county Democrat- of the Creswell Ruritan Club was Must Apply for New Grower the financial statement published this week, as compared with the members of which are as follows: Corn Contracts by Jan. 31 statement issued about this time Mrs. C. N. Davenport, jr., of In the absence of the president Storage Shed Being Built a year ago. Total assets were in- Creswell, vice chairman; Mrs. T. and vice president who are atcreased during the 12-month period from \$267,245.83 to \$318,218.
W. Norman, of Roper, secretary; tending the Ruritan National Convention from \$267,245.83 to \$318,218.
W. R. Hampton, of Plymouth vention at Myrtle Beach, S. C., 25, or more than 20 per cent.

> the growth of mortgage loans the growth of mortgage loans growth of mortgage loans are secured during the past 12 of Skinnersville; C. N. Davenmonths. A year ago, the associamonths. A year ago, the association had loans aggregating \$253,- Jesse Vaughan, of Wenona. 070 outstanding, while this year the amount has advanced to \$292 .-370. All of this money was loaned to shareholders to enable them to buy, build or improve their homes. Stock loans amounted to \$11,9288 last year, and have increased to \$13,435 this year.

During the past year the association increased its issuance of paid-up stock from \$112,000 to Undivided profits, Local PMA Office Busy on which will be apportioned to Corn Report During Week shareholders as the stock matures, fully burned about the face and jumped from \$13,763.63 a year hands Thursday morning when Workers in the local PMA of-1949, date of the statement publing to work caught fire from fice have been busy all week on lished this week. The amount paid some gasoline in the back. The the corn report, which must be in on installment shares totaled bus belonged to the Mengel Corturned in to the state PMA office \$128,727.65 at the end of 1948 poration. by tomorrow (Friday), according while the amount at the end of

The association opened the sale they received treatment and were Beam, cashier. (See STATEMENT, Page 7)

### Miles Faton of Columbia and Quarters Renovated

be finished by them.

and ceilings were painted, three All firemen are urged to attend tractive Slimline lighting fixture. The lighting fixture was a gift to the department from R. L. Hol- fire department, and their ladies. In the special friends and backers of the ferred and the men were taken back to the Marine Base.

ecutive Committees

A meeting of the Washington County Democratic Executive Committee will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 11, in the courthouse here for the purpose of making three nominations for Democratic members of the county board of elections. The three names will be forwarded to B. E. Jordan, chairman of the state Democratic executive committee. who will certify two of them to the state board of elections for appointment. The Republican executive committees of the county and state will follow the same procedure in selecting the name of the Republican member of the

county board of elections. Present members of the Washngton County Board of elections Plymouth. Mr. Carr is the Republican member. Mr. Spruill has continue as chairman of the Full-Paid Stock Issuance, board, and it is expected that Mortgage Loans, Undivid- there will be at least one new member of the board of elections when it is named by the state board. The three members of the H. H. Allen, of Plymouth, is

Precinct No. 1; C. A. Cratch, of H. W. Pritchett presided. Most of the increase is due to Plymouth Precinct No. 2; L. S.

Work Bus Blaze

Seven Negro men were pain-

Most severely burned were Wil-

Monday; No One Injured

ties outlined. Board of elections members will be named by the state board early in March. Considerable

(See ELECTIONS, Page 7) Seven Burned in

# Survey To Begin To Be Candidate Here February 17

Five Units To Be Located in Contest Is Assured for Of-Washington and Tyrrell Counties; Steering Committees Named

Plans are being made for publicizing the mass chest X-Ray sur-

At a recent meeting in Plym-Sale chairman, was named cochairman with Miss Elizabeth the same office. Other members of this committee are: Mrs. Joe Snell, president of the American Legion Auxiliary and active Home Demonstration Club leader; Mrs. Fran-Appointments Are Made by ces M. Darden, Home Demonstra-State Board From Names tion Agent; Miss Ida Davis, officer in the Cherry Home Demon-Furnished by County Ex- stration Club; A. R. Lord, principal of Plymouth Colored School; the Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of the section. of Plymouth.

Mrs. Snell has accepted the reand women's clubs in Plymouth to schedule speakers for the surassistance of Home Demonstra-

Raleigh arrived Tuesday to begin election. organization work. They are: Miss Lula Belle Highsmith, senior health educator; Miss Iris Turlington, clerk; and Mrs. Mildred and it is reported that there will O. Page, colored junior health be several other candidates for chants and business men and that

Alfred G. Chiswell, chief techto work with the health depart-

(See X-RAYS, Page 7)

### Nickens Speaker At Ruritan Meet Bradley, couny librarian. The county bookmobile will

The regular monthly meeting February 7, 8 and 9th, when it tours the Roper area.

# Mass Chest X-Ray Linwood Hassell

fice, as W. H. Peele Announced Last Week; Other Entries Rumored

W. Linwood Hassell, of Plymouth, former county treasurer, vey to be held in Washington and announced Tuesday that he would Tyrrell Counties February 17 be a candidate for the office of through March 1, according to an Clerk of the Washington County announcement from Dr. Claud- Superior Court in the Democratius McGowan, district health of- ic primary on May 27. Mr. Hassell's announcement assures a contest for the office, as former outh, Mrs. W. R. Klass, jr., of County Representative W. H. Plymouth, 1949 Christmas Seal (Jack) Peele announced last week that he would be a candidate for

Wood, public health nurse, of the World War I and for the past several years has been a clothing salesman and representative of a Greenville roofing firm in Plymouth. He served two terms as county treasurer, from 1938 until 1942 before that office was abolished in 1944. He has been active in Democratic political affairs in the county for a number of years and has a sizeable following in W. M. Darden, the incumbent

Church; and Dr. Alban Papineau clerk of Superior court, has made no definite statement thus far as to whether or not he will be a candidate for the office again. sponsibility for contacting civic Mr. Darden was appointed to the office on March 1, 1942, follow ing the resignation of the late C. vey. Mrs. Darden will enlist the V. W. Ausbon, who held the post assistance of Home Demonstra-tion Club members throughout in November, 1942, and later was granted a leave of absence for Three workers from the Divi- services in the armed forces. Afthe State Board of Health at job and was reelected in the 1946

talk heard in the county has cen- \$2,400. tered around the clerk's office, the position in the May primary.

mobile will not make its usual Mrs. Harry Barnhill. tour of the county next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, be-eys had reported \$7 collected but cause it will be the fifth week of that the Roper, Creswell and We-

continue its regular schedule on

Work was begun this week on storage shed for East Carolina Smithson, Hal Furr, Tom Wood-Routine Business was dispatch- Supply Company, local wholesale ley and Robert Johnson. ed and major committee appoint- firm. The shed is to be 90 feet ments were made and their du- by 26 feet and is being constructed near their establishment on The guest speaker of the even- Water Street. The building will be the complete organization at work ing was the Rev. P. B. Nickens, erected between the spur tracks Baptist minister of Plymouth, and the river and it was necessary who gave an inspiring address on to fill in the site with many truck-'The Three Ways of Life." Rev. loads of dirt. One end of the shed tions totaled \$700. Richard Lucas of Plymouth was will be left open and it is hoped later to add about thirty feet A delightful supper was served onto the end and to obtain a by the ladies of the Methodist loading crane for loading and unloading supplies.

# **Few Refund Checks** Are Received Here

office of a local doctor where Company here, according to H. E.

liam Collins, James Alexander and Mr. Beam said that the first are low should re-cemetery, and Clement Alexander, all of check cashed by the local bank ceive the checks first. check cashed by the local bank ceive the checks first. Columbia. Lesser injuries were was on the 18th. The largest uffered by James R. Phelps and

nopes to have the dividend pay- carry the program.

surance checks have been cashed veterans throughout the nation by were conducted by the Rev. J. D. The men were brought to the at the Branch Banking & Trust June 30, the VA announced re-

the checks is determined by the of Masons of Perseverance Lodge, The first checks were mailed last three numbers of service ser- No. 59, A. F. & A. M., of Plymby the government January 16 ial numbers. Those whose last outh Interment was in the church Mt. Olive; Juliane Leimone, Bur-The surplus insurance fund to-

George Lee and James Diggins of \$3.98. The Veterans Administration excess of the amount needed to W. D. Phelps and the late Mrs.

### Queen To Be Named at **Dance Saturday Night**

The winner among the fifteen Plymouth girls who are contestants for Queen of the ball to be given Saturday night climaxing the March of Dimes campaign will be announced at the dance, according to information released this week by local leaders of the drive.

Each of the girls is collecting donations for the polio fund and the one turning in the greatest amount will be declarcesses in the queen's court. The J. J. Clemmons High

# Inwood Hassell To Be Candidate For Clerk Court To Be Candidate For Tax Listing in County

FAMOUS CHORUS TO BE IN COUNTY NEXT WEEK



The Utah Centennial Chorus, composed of missionaries of the The Utah Centennial Chorus, composed of missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, will make four appearances in the county next week, singing at the Plymouth High School Wednesday morning; at the Plymouth Lions Club meeting Thursday evening; at the Roper High School Thursday morning; and at the Roper Ruritan meeting Thursday night after their appearance before the Lions Club here.

## Less Than One-Third Polio Quota Reached

**Interest Mounts** 

On 1949 Taxes

County and town tax collec-

tors are reminding citizens who

have not paid their 1949 taxes

that the state schedule of inter-

est becomes effective after

Wednesday, February 1, on all

unpaid tax accounts. The inter-

est starts off in February at 1

per cent, increases to 2 per cent

on March 1st, and then goes up

1/2 of 1 per cent each month

Taxpayers who settle their

last year's accounts by next Tuesday can save the 1 per cent

interest. There can be no excep-tions, as the interest charge is

**Program of Safety** 

The semi-finalists were win-

ners in 10 weekly contests over

peared on each station the past

Following is a list of the semi-

finalists according to stations:

WPTF, William Carmon Snipes,

Fayetteville; Marie Russel, Fair-

mont; Michael Hinton, Rocky

Mount; Thomas Mitchell Byrd,

Sunday, February 5.

School Seniors

required by the state law.

thereafter on unpaid taxes.

Plymouth Collections Total \$654, Director Bill Ruffin Reports; Collections in County Slow

A total of \$654 had been raised in Plymouth for the March of Dimes as this newspaper went to sion of Tuberculosis Control of ter the war he returned to the press. That was the latest report from Bill Ruffin of Plymouth, director of the drive in Washing-Thus far most of the political ton County. The county quota is

Ruffin stated that \$256 had been collected from Plymouth merthe Boy Scout Troop had raised \$27.60 for the polio fund in a canvass Saturday. The cake sale held here last Friday afternoon held for Next Week netted another \$60. Another cake sale is planned for tomorrow (Fri-The Washington County book- day) under the supervision of

Director Ruffin said that Mackeys had reported \$7 collected but the month, according to Mrs. Jack nona communities had not yet turned in reports.

A complete organization for the campaign has been effected at Creswell with Mrs. J. M. Phelps as chairman. Other leaders are: theater chairman, George Billy Winesett To Be Heard Davenport; colored chairman, Melton Bryant; Lake Phelps, Ad-By Local Wholesale Firm | Melton Bryant; Lake Phelps, Adlyette Morris; and house-to-house canvassers, Mesdames Clyde

The Creswell collections are said to have been rather slow thus far but it is hoped that with that community will turn in a fine report as was the case last Safety over three radio stations er of Roper. year when the Creswell collecin North Carolina, according to an announcement from Jeff B.

### Final Rites Held For W. E. Phelps the 3 radio stations, WPTF, Ral-

Funeral services for William Funeral services for William eigh; WBIG, Greensboro; and Elmer Phelps, sr., 55 year old WBT, Charlotte. Five of the con-Roper farmer who died at 11:15 testants will appear on each stap.m. Wednesday night, January tion Sunday, January 29. Five ap-18, were held at Holly Neck Christian Church at 2:30 o'clock Not more than 3 or 4 GI in- ments in the hands of 16,000,000 Saturday afternoon. Services How soon the veterans receive Graveside services were in charge

gaw; Billy Winesett, Plymouth Hospital, Edenton, following an Smithfield: Jeanna Hart, Durcheck was in the amount of \$126 tals \$2,800,000,000, representing an illness of three and a half weeks. ham; Lyell K. Jones, Durham. He was born in Washington Couniums on government insurance in ty December 10, 1894, the son of Phelps, and had lived in the county all his life.

Mr. Phelps was married in Elizabeth City in 1915 to Miss Judy Davenport who survives him. He was a member of Holly Neck Christian Church and of Davie Lodge, No. 39, A. F. & A. M., of Norfolk, Va.

folk; his father, W. D. Phelps of tees of the hospital. brother, S. M. Woodley of Nor-tolk. Louis, Mo.; maintenance and eration of the hospital begins.

### About 1,100 Have Listed Here: Total Valuation in Plymouth Township Expected to Show Increase

With only four listing days renaining and hardly more than half the property owners of Washington County having already listed their holdings for taxes so far, it seems inevitable that there will be some property owners in the county penalized for tardiness in listing.

That was the picture this week cording to information from H. L. Davenport, County Tax Supervisor. Mr. Davenport said that listing had been very slow in all of the four townships of the county but that a noticeable spurt occurred Saturday.

Clarence L. Blount, list taker for Plymouth Township, and W A. Roebuck, City Clerk who serves as list taker for the town of Plymouth, stated this week that around 1100 persons had listed their property for taxes during

There are around 2,500 property wners in the area, so they are hardly half through with just Friday and Saturday of this week and Monday and Tuesday of next remaining in which to list without incurring a penalty. In view of the situation, list takers are expecting a terrific rush in the remaining time of grace as property owners seek to get in under the wire and avoid penal-

Real property remains at the same valuation as last year, except where improvements have been made or losses sustained. The total valuation in Plymouth Township will undoubtedly show a substantial gain, as many new homes have been built during the year, as well as a few new business houses. Due to purchases of new automobiles by residents during the year, personal property holdings may also show a slight increase.

Other personal property will probably remain about the same, which is very low. It is an ex-tremely rare thing for anyone to Local Youth Goes list more than \$300 worth of household and kitchen furniture, that being the maximum amount To Semi-Finals of that being the maximum amount exempted from taxation. Radios and sewing machines are seldom reported to be worth more than

(See TAX LISTING, Page 7)

### petes With 30 Other High P. Alexander

Funeral services were held Billy Winesett, son of Mr. and Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Mrs. Eli Winesett of Plymouth and a student at Plymouth High Pleasant Grove M. E. Church for School, is among 30 high school Mrs. Mary J. Alexander who died Sunday morning at 5 o'clock at seniors competing in the semifinals of the Student Forum for the home of a son, R. B. Alexand-

Mrs. Alexander was 80 years of age and had been ill for more than a year. She had been confined to Wilson, director of the Highway Safety Division of the North Car- her bed for two weeks. She was olina Department of Motor Ve- born in Washington County January 7, 1870 and had lived in the county all her life. She was the widow of the late Albert P. Alexander of Washington County. Mrs. Alexander was one of the oldest members of Pleasant Grove M. E. Church.

Services were conducted by the Rev. B. E. Bingham of Roper as-Sunday. The finals will be held Sunday. February 5 church cemetery.

Mrs. Alexander is survived by 2 sons, L. E. Alexander of Norfolk, Va., and R. B. Alexander of Roper; 4 daughters, Mrs. Inos Overton and Mrs. Dock Green of Charlotte and Mrs. John Swain and Mrs. W. W. White of Roper; Mr. Phelps died at Chowan Leroy White, Bethel; Glen Holt, Roper, Mrs. C. F. Hassell of Plymouth and Mrs. Anna De-Shields of Norfolk: 13 grandchild-(See SEMI-FINALS, Page 7) ren and 5 great-grandchildren.

## Equipment Arriving For County Hospital

Contracts have been awarded for | housekeeping equipment, Selig Surviving besides his widow Washington County Hospital here equipment, M. B. Steinberg, Inc., are 6 sons, William E. of Ports- and equipment has already be- Raleigh; medical and surgical labmouth, Va., Lomer Chester and gun to arrive but it is too early oratory equipment, Carolina Sur-James Henry of Greensboro, Paul to know definitely just when the gical Supply Company, Raleigh. Everett of Norfolk, Va., and Har-rell and Phillip of the home; 2 public, according to W. Blount ed for X-Ray equipment as apdaughters, Mrs. Margaret Vaughn Rodman, Plymouth attorney who proval is awaited from the Medicand Miss Frances Phelps of Nor- is a member of the board of trus- al Care Commission

equipping the newly constructed Company, Atlanta, Ga.; dietary No contract has yet been ward-

As soon as the hospital is com-Roper: 2 sisters, Mrs. Lula Daven. | Contracts have been let to the pletely equipped and in readiness port of Plymouth and Mrs. Vera following firms: office equipment, for opening, an open house is Phelps of Norfolk; and one half Owen G. Dunn, New Bern; linen expected to be held for the bene-

### By Fire Department Car Overturns Near Roper The Plymouth Fire Department | lowell, manager of the local Belkis giving a barbecue supper with Tyler store.

doors were installed, floors, walls complishment.

An automobile accident of The showers have been painted minor nature occurred about 1:all the trimmings tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock at the firehouse ceiling and floor in the locker U. S. Highway 64 east of Roper. here, by way of celebrating the room have been done over. A 1931 Model A Ford driven by extensive renovations to the Draperies and venetian blinds are Zenas M. Davis of the Edenton building which are scheduled to due to be installed in the build- Marine Base turned over, damaging by Friday afternoon. The ap- ing the fenders and top of the Members of the department pearance of the building has been car. There were 5 other Marines have cooperated in painting the greatly improved and local fire- riding in the car but none was building inside and out. New men may well be proud of the ac- injured enough to require medical

attention. Davis told the investigating of new lounges were secured for the the barbecue super, along with a ficers, State Highway Patrolman lounge room upstairs, along with number of invited guests, includ- Rhodes of Creswell, that his headnew pictures, mirrors, and an at- ing members of the city council, lights went out and caused the

ed the winner and will reign as queen of the ball. The other contestants will serve as prin-

School orchestra of Roper will furnish music for the dance. This same orchestra played for the dance held here last year as part of the March of Dimes and was a distinct success. The dance will begin at 9 o'clock Saturday evening in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.