

THE ROANOKE BEACON AND WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS

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

Organizational work for the

hass chest X-Ray survey to be

held in Washington and Tyrrell

Counties February 17 through

March 1 is expected to be com-

pleted this week, according to a

statement from Miss Lula Belle

Highsmith, senior health educat-

or with the division of tubercu-

losis control of the State Board

of Health, Raleigh, who has been

in Plymouth for the past two

weeks supervising the planning

work. No charge is made for the

X-ray photographs, and every-

one is urged to take adventage of

Schedules have been formulat-

Washington County - Hours

ed for both Washington and Tyr-

rell Counties and are given be-

are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at all stops.

No X-raying on Sundays and

Mondays. Citizens are urged to

Plymouth: In front of Branch

Banking & Trust Company, Feb. 17 through March 1, except Sun-

days and Mondays; Roper White

High School (School only), Feb.

school and community), Feb. 17

go to the most convenient loca-

tion for the X-Ray.

the service.

VOLUME LXI-NUMBER 6 week that he has about ten cinder

ESTABLISHED 1889 blocks which he isn't using that he plans to give to be used in **Polio Fund Totals \$2,434 in County** County Joins Dare Set Up Schedule Board Approves building a septic tank at the local Scout Hut. If anyone in Plymouth Revised Plans of Proposed School Facilities at Inlet For Chest X-Rays vicinity has odd blocks around the premises which are not being ginning of the campaign was The March of Dimes camused and is willing to give them eys and Plymouth colored and paign in Washington County \$2,500. With the communities that other communities made to the scouts, Whitley requests has progressed to within shootno further efforts other than that he be contacted and the not yet reported to be added, ing distance of the goal, acblocks will be picked up. picking up containers and retogether with straggling re-Letters from State and Local Action Taken at Regular cording to information received ceiving late collections. The Organizational Work Ex-

For the benefit of all and sundry who may have cases in the local Recorder's court, Court Clerk W. M. Darden stated this week that absolutely no credit arrangement can be made with his office for future payment of fines or court costs by installment or otherwise.

With the total collections re ported from the county in the current March of Dimes campaign standing at \$2,434 as of yesterday, County Director Bill Ruffin urged all those who have collections not yet reported to turn them in at once to Benton Liverman in Plymouth in order that the quota of \$2,500 may be reached as soon as possible.

The James E. Jethro Post No. 164 of the American Legion will eet at the Legion Hall tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. Rev. P. B. Nickens, chaplain of the post, who is on the speakers' bureau of the mass chest x-ray survey, will speak concerning that work and its importance to the community.

Out-of-town students attending the Northeastern District meeting of Beta Clubs here Wednesday at the Plymouth High School were much in evidence on the downtown streets in the afternoon.

A meeting of the Plymouth Merchants Association held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock was pretty well attended. The group discussed ways of promoting increased business in Plymouth.

A very attractive display of Scouting equipment, flags, literature, rope knots and such calls attention to Scout Week, being urrently observed, from the cen-

er display window at Leder Brothers here.

Word was received here late yesterday of the death of Joseph Frank, father of Jack Frank who formerly managed the Margolis Store which was closed here the first of the year.

Mr. Frank died yesterday after-noon at 2 o'clock in Philadelphia, his home. He was around 80 years of age and was a buyer of general merchandise. He was at one time in business in Williamston.

Annual District

yesterday from Bill Ruffin of Plymouth, county director.

With Roper, Mackeys and the colored community in Plymouth not yet fully accounted for, the total raised in the county during the drive for polio funds stands at \$2,434, Ruffin said. The county quota set at the be-

ports coming in from other communities, the county director is positive that the county

14 Census Takers

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will go over the goal by the end of the extended period Saturday. Ruffin stated that the time

County To Have Night School for

At Washington; W. T.

Freeman to Head Work

The office for the 17th Decen-

proximately 14 enumerators and

In Washington-Tyrrell

extension was applied in this county solely to Roper, Mack-

regular period expired January 31. The director stated that any-

one who served as a volunteer collector in the drive and who has money for the fund not yet reported, should turn it in at once to Benton Liverman in Plymouth.

Adults Is Having

Subjects Offered

This school was made possible

tributed a small subsidy to sup-

school completely to the county

The school is available to all

According to this information, trants on opening night to a cur-

Washington County is to have ap- rent enrollment of 43 students.

applications are being received through the cooperation of the

at present for this work. The ac- Washington County Board of Ed-

get underway April 1 or R. F. Lowry and the North Caro-

Good Attendance

Men Relative to Proposed Board Meet Monday; Oth- League Meeting Washington County High School Read The Washington County Board of Education met in regular of Commissioners held a rather

nonthly session at the courthouse lengthy session Monday consumnere Monday. Several matters of ing most of the day taking up a a minor nature were discussed at number of routine matters. Highthe meeting and the members of light of the session was the action the board conferred with their taken in response to a letter from attorney, Carl Bailey of Plym- the Dare County Board of Comouth, but the nature of the conmissioners relative to the imerence was not divulged. Superintendent of Schools R. F.

Lowry read to the board members board. several letters recently received District Office Established Enrollment Here Now Num- by his office relative to the probers 43; Halfway Mark School for colored which has built at Roner. Included among these were letters from A. L. Teachey, state supervisor of agricultural educa- the present session of Congress A new venture was begun in tion at Raleigh; W. F. Credle of nial Census of the United States Plymouth on January 4, which Raleigh, director of schoolhouse to serve this district has been has proved quite successful in the planning; K. S. Trowbridge. established at Washington, it was ensuing weeks. That date marks manager of the Wood and Land learned from information receiv- the opening of night school clas- department of the North Caro-

ed here this week from Mrs. J. B. ses for adults, held at Plymouth lina Pulp Company, Plymouth; Spilman, of Greenville, assistant High School, the attendance of and W. V. Hays of Plymouth, present action grew out of a letter from Congressman Bonner to which has grown from 18 regis- county agent. the Dare County group urging that interest be manifest in the The revised floor plan of the

proposed project. proposed Roper school, recently Mrs. Felgar of the Felgar Inreceived from the architects, Lesdexing Company of Charlotte aplie N. Boney and Son of Wilmingpeared regarding the re-indexing ton, was shown to the board by of certain books in the county Superintendent Lowry and ap-She was informed that her firm proved. The plan calls for a large would be contacted when the gymtorium, stage, girls and boys county is in position to have this shower rooms, cafeteria, kitchen, work done storage rooms, public and prin-E. J. Spruill, county tax collect-

cipal's offices, county supervisor's office, health room, teachers' room, book room, work room, January. conference room, science labora-Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home tory, industrial arts room, home agent, and W. V. Hays, county making room, primary rooms, li-

brary and 14 class rooms. (See COUNTY BOARD, Page 7)

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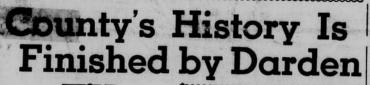
board joined with the Dare Coun-

ty board in urging Congress to

provement of Oregon Inlet. The

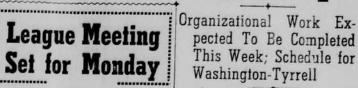
pass legislation calling for im

Session



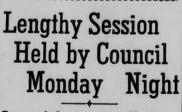
Manuscript, 'Story of Wash-ington County,' Completed Thomas Hopkins After 15 Years Work by Is Named 'Man of Plymouth Man Year' by Jaycees By JAMES L. BOND

For the past fifteen or more years John W. Darden, Washing-Award Is Made at Charter over the session, oposed granting permission to locate the truck on Water street, stating that it would

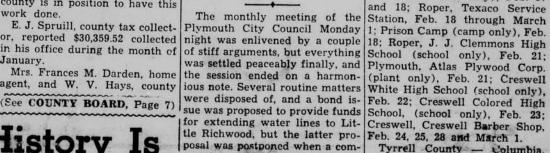


The Washington County Board Baseball plans for the coming year are to be made at a meeting of Albemarle League directors in Edenton Monday night. The session will be held at the courthouse, starting at 7:45, according to a letter issued this week by Howard Gaylord, league president.

provement of Oregon Inlet and Officers are to be elected, which letter was read to the league rules reviewed, and number of teams decided upon. The clerk was instructed to Elizabeth City has dropped out of the league to enter pro ball. and it has been reported that Hertford will not have a team this year. It is possible that oththe inlet should come before any er towns will be considered for committee that deals with it in membership to round out the six-club league this season. Previously, in 1948, the loca



Several Arguments Enliven Session; Begin Work on 17; Plymouth White High School Little Richwood Water (School only), Feb. 17; Plymouth Colored High School (for Line July 1



Tyrrell County - Columbia, Corner of Broad & Main Streets, promise was effected. The first difference occurred Feb. 17 through March 1; Gum right at the start of the meeting, Neck School (for school and comwhen Delbert Allen, representing munity), Feb. 22, 23, and 24. the county health department, re- Sound Side, Britt Snell's Service quested permission to have an X- Station, Feb. 25 and 28; Travis, ray truck located in front of the W. A. Armstrong's Store, March bank building here during the 1; to persons living in Alligator, period of mass chest examina- Kilkenny, Gum Neck, Cross Landtions to be conducted in the coun- ing and Travis, free bus service ty from February 17 through will be given. The bus will wait March 1. while passengers are X-rayed and Mayor A. J. Riddle, presiding will start the return trip imme-

over the session, oposed granting diately.

To Enforce New Trash Ordinance

Effective next week, town trucks will not pick up trash or garbage unless it is placed in approved containers, the city council ruled at its meeting Monday night. Officials ruled that sufficient time had been

given for all householders to secure proper containers as required by an ordinance passed several months ago, the truck drivers will be instructed to pass up all refuse matter in oil drums or other unwieldy con-

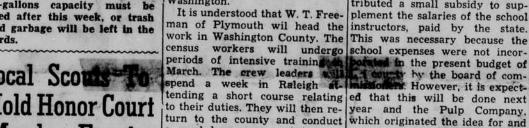
Chief of Police P. W. Brown said that most local people had secured proper containers, al-though a few have neglected doing so. He warns that covered containers of not more than 32-gallons capacity must be used after this week, or trash and garbage will be left in the

Local Scouls To **Hold Honor Court**

Nine Boys of Troop 84 Will Class Rank; Board of Re-view Held Monday

census worker will be under oath ed. It was at first proposed to to keep all information in strict have a single class but it was By H. E. Newland Monday night at their regular confidence. No other federal, state soon evident that the group was roop meeting the boys of Troop or local agency has access to cen- too large for that and it was sugus inf 14 had their first board of review in months, as this week is Birthday Week for Scouts. Thirty-nine this district and James M. Silver- be divided into two groups. Clubs Held Here years ago scouting started in America and has grown until this thorne of Washington is adminisweek, February 6 to 12, 2,500,000 trative assistant.

erators.



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tual work of taking the Census ucation, Superintendent of schools will

yards.

after. It is expected that the can- lina Pulp Company here. The vass work will be completed dur- board of education agreed to furing the month of April but it will nish the building, lights and other probably be mid-autumn before basic necessities, the county suany census data is released to the perintendent agreed to cooperate public from the census bureau in fully and the Pulp Company con-Washington.

Monday Evening a week-long course of instruc-tion for the benefit of the enum- school, expects to relinquish the

The enumerators in their can- school system. vass work will collect information Be Advanced to Second- relating to population, housing persons in the county and near-

Meeting of Beta

Representatives of Fourteen Schools in Northeastern District in All-Day Ses-User Week, Petruary of to 12, 2,500,000 boys and men are putting forth a concerted effort to let the peo-ple know what scouting is doing for them. When Douglas Browning pro-When Douglas Browning pre-

sion Here Yesterday

The annual meeting of High troop committee it was encourag-School Beta Clubs of the North- ing to see this Sea Scout interesteastern district was held at Plym- ed enough in the overall program outh High School yesterday of scouting to continue with scout Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge. (Wednesday). The meeting con- work and complete the requirevened at 9:30 o'clock in the morning and adjourned at 4:30 o'clock award. in the afternoon.

The following nine boys have The principal speaker on the day's program was Dr. J. D. Meser step and will receive at the sick, president of East Carolina Court of Honor, Monday, Febru-Teachers College, Greenville, ary 13, their 2nd class awards: Peter Leavitt, Wells Rogers, Ron-Beta Clubs were in attendance from Ahoskie, Oak City, Pantego, nie Matheny, George Painter, Exil Edenton, Jamesville, Roper, Win-terville, Windsor, Bethel, Wash-Campbell, Joe Harris and Henry ington, Ayden, Farmville, Rober- Singleton. There will probably be sonville and Plymouth schools. more boys to complete their 2nd

This was the first time that Class requirements this week and Plymouth has been host to the be ready for their awards Mon-Beta Club meeting. The custom day night.

is that the annual meeting be held Donald Summerville has been at the school attended by the working at his scouting game and district president. The president will receive 5 merit badges-book of the Northeastern district Beta binding, first aid, wood work, Clubs is Betty Jean Jackson of home repair, pioneering. Good Plymouth. Lilly Beth Muse of work, Donald.

Elizabeth Brewer of Jamesville parents of all scouts are invited is secretary. Miss Hofler is sponsor for the Honor for Troop 84 in 1950.

Plymouth Club.

To Sponsor Tom Thumb Wedding Next Thursday

Mrs. Gary Campbell's group of the Women's Society for Chris-tian Service of the Methodist Church will sponsor a Tom Thumb wedding at Plymouth High School, Thursday, February 16 at 8 o'clock.

On Saturday night, February 25, members of the Methodist Church are invited to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Campbell at 8 o'clock for an evening of fellowship, music and fun.

The W. S. C. S. group is selling each night.

To Meet Tuesday

sented himself before Messrs. Hollowell and Matheny of the

The date of the regular meet-

Corporation plant here, as the principal speaker.

tea will be given

Lake Phelps Legion Post **Meets Next Monday Night**

Lake Phelps Post No. 391 of the American Legion will hold its Local Firemen Called to regular meeting Monday night, February 13, at 7:30 o'clock at the Starlite Club. This will be a

Williamston is vice president and The public and especially the very important meeting, according to an announcement from to take part in the first Court of Post Adjutant H. S. Woodley, and all members are urged to attend.

> **To Hold Conference Tourney Next Week**

> The Albemarle Conference land Neck; 8:30, Plymouth vs basketball tournament will be Columbia.

held in Williamston next week, Thursday night, 7:30, Ahoskie starting on Wednesday and con- vs. Plymouth-Columbia winner;

tinuing through Friday night, it 8:30, Williamston vs. Scotland was decided at a meeting of con- Neck-Hertford winner. ference officials in Williamston The finals will be played Fri-Monday night. The conference day night, starting at 8:30, with tournament is for boys' teams on- a consolation game at 7:30 be- at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday mornly, and there will be two games tween the loosers of Thursday ing at the Palmer home on the night's games. Winner of the fin- Mackeys road.

chicken salad every Saturday. Or-ders may be given by telephone. The schedule follows: Wednes-day night, 7:30, Hertford vs. Scot-ence champions. als will be declared the confer-

gested by Mr. Thorneburg of the working on a history of the coun-Webb Williams of Elizabeth State Department of Public In- ty. During those years he has City is the census supervisor for struction that the student body spent considerable money, time and energy in research work This suggestion was followed This work has taken him to Port-

because the group was not only land, Maine, New Orleans, La., large and unwieldy but some of Asheville, New York City and of the Plymouth Junior Chamber the bank, Mayor Riddle making day for Mrs. Bell Spruill Jordan, the boys had had more formal Washington, D. C. where he did of Commerce, received a plaque education than others and were research on the county's early and watch charm at the Columbia

able to progress much faster. history in the public libraries of Charter Night meeting last Fri-Some are now studying basic, those cities. He has also carried day in recognition of his being rudimentary arithmetic while oth- on considerable correspondence chosen the Young Man of the ers have already advanced into in this regard. Year in Plymouth. The award

(See HISTORY, Page 7)

A meeting of the executive geometry and arithmetic. The Now the manuscript of what A meeting of the executive geometry and arithmetic. The board of the Plymouth Parent- study of plane geometry has been Darden calls, "The Story of Wash- Browne, president of the North Teacher Association was held yes- finished and ratio in proportion ington County," is completed. Carolina Junior Chamber of Comterday morning at the home of is now being studied. Inverse But to reach the present stage, merce. Darden has had to overcome se-

ratio will be taken up later. The course is four months in vere handicaps. When the work

moved up from Wednesday to reached Tuesday night. Classes was striken ill with paralysis and rendered the most distinguished gone up the scouting trail anothwill begin at 8 o'clock and will be held from 7 to 9 o'clock on Tues- peded that no one other than his the preceding year. Selection was held in the high school auditor- day and Thursday nights. There wife could understand him. This by a committee composed of memium. A Founders' Day program are three subjects offered to stu- necessitated his dictating to his bers of the Plymouth Jaycees and will be presented with C. E. Peck- dents of the school-shop mathe- wife who took down his dictation is believed to have been based on ham, manager of the True Temper matics, blue print reading and in longhand. She then had to read Hopkins' efforts as executive

Following the meeting, a silver

The local fire department an- published, he desires the assurswered an alarm at Philip Still- ances of prominent persons in man's at the corner of Highway the various communities of Wash-64 and the Long Ridge road last ington County that there is sufnight about eight o'clock. The fire ficient interest in the history of was of small consequence, being the county among the people to a chimney fire, and little damage justify its publication. He is not was done.

This was the second alarm anwered by the local fire fighters know that the people of the counlast night. ty will be interested in the his-

Funeral Service Held for Palmer Infant Wednesday

Brief graveside services were held for the infant daughter of Russell and Evelyn Vail Palmer of near Plymouth Wednesday morning. The baby was born dead able.

Burial was in the Saints De-

light Christian Church cemetery.

ton County's historian, has been Night Banquet of Colum-working on a history of the counbia Club Held Last Fri- eral alternative locations were proposed, but none were deemed day Night suitable and the councilmen fin-

ally voted unanimously in favor Thomas F. Hopkins, president of locating the truck in front of

Service Station Is

Fire of undetermined origin

The award is made annually to ments for his First Class Scout ing of the P. T. A. next week was length and the halfway mark was was about three fourths done he and 35 who is deemed to have the man between the ages of 21 age at Marrow's Esso Station at the corner of Washington and stock as well as ruining a cash register and other equipment. No measurement and lay-out of sheet off the matter to a stenographer chairman in promoting the Washestimate of the loss was available metal work. Classes on each sub- who took it in shorthand and then ington County Sesqui-Centennial this morning. celebration which was held in

ject extend for a total of 20 hours. transcribed it. Mr. Darden says The instructors of the school that he was fortunate in having the county during September 18station about 7 o'clock, when he are Adrian Cobb, master mechan- completed all research in con-22, 1949. saw the fire and turned in an W. Charles Cohoon, vice presialarm. The fire department redent of the Columbia club, presponded promptly and had the

sided over the meeting in the abfire extinguished in a few minsence of the president, Delbert Now Mr. Darden is looking forward to the time when his M. Sawyer. Paul Liverman acted utes, although the interior of the shanty was past saving. Mr. Mar-

> ed by the Rev. Horace G. Thompfire in the stove, and cause of the

(See JAYCEES, Page 7) blaze has not been determined.

man of the Washington County ocratic Executive Committee not clerk. Members of the council are To publish the book would cost Democratic Executive Committee, later than February 16. around \$1,500, Mr. Darden estimates. He believes his manuscript has announced that there will be The date of the meeting was to be about equal in length to an a meeting of that body at the named by the State Democratic

average novel and thinks that in courthouse here Saturday after-Executive Committee and the sebook form it would contain about noon at 2 o'clock. The purpose lection of the hour was left to 250 or 300 pages. As to a possible of the meeting is to name persons the county chairman. selling price, the author thinks to be recommended to the State The members of the county that \$3.50 would not be unreason-

Democratic Executive Committee committee are: Plymouth No. 1for appointment to the county W. R. Hampton; Plymouth No. 2 regular meeting Thursday even-

board of elections. The recom- -C. A. Cratch; Lees Mill-L. S. ing at 7:30 o'clock in the Creswell Mr. Darden believes strongly that his manuscript, if published mendations must be in the office Bray; Scuppernong-C. N. Daven- High School auditorium of the State Board of Elections port; Skinnersville-W. W. White; All parents of school children by March 2 and must be mailed and Wenona-Jesse Vaughn.

For Mrs. Jordan

Funeral services were held Fri-(See TOWN COUNCIL, Page 12) by the pastor, the Rev. W. R. 73, at Creswell Baptist Church Stevens, assisted by the Rev. J. L. Smith and the Rev. B. W. Gaith-

Mrs. Jordan was the widow of Damaged by Fire the late W. D. Jordan and was the daughter of the late Johnson and Ophelia Rowe Spruill. She last night did considerable dam-O. Q. Lassiter of Creswell; three sons, Howard Jordan of Eliza-Main Streets. The wooden shanty York City, and W. S. Jordan of temporarily housing the office Dayton, Ohio; three sisters, Mrs. being built was just about gut- Zeno Ratcliffe of Pantego and ted by the fire, which burned a Mrs. Lula Jackson of Norfolk, Va.; two brothers, W. M. Spruill of New York City and J. C. Spruill of Pantego; and three grandchildren.

The music rendered was, "Have A. J. Byrd was driving past the Thine Own Way, Lord" and "Abide With Me," by the choir. Mrs. Darrell Cahoon sang a solo, "Sunrise."

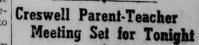
Interment was in St. David's cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Dr. J. M. Phelps, C. N. Davenport, W. D. row had closed up only a few Starr, H. M. Starr, C. L. Hopkins, minutes before the fire was dis-L. D. Phelps and H. R. Stillman. covered. He said there was no

> **Roper Town Council Will** Meet Next Monday Night

The Roper Town Council will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday night. February 13, at 8 o'clock in the Community Building

Reynold Spruill is mayor of Roper and A. R. Phelps is town Barton Swain, Jasper Swain and Wade Hardison.



The Creswell PTA will hold its are urged to attend



ic at the North Carolina Pulp nection with the history before Company plant here and Russell his illness. Otherwise the work Owens, chief chemist at the plant. would have been stopped.

manuscript is published in book as toastmaster for the occasion Philip Stillman's House form. He says that before he will After the opening song, "Ameriundertake to have the history ca." the invocation was pronounc-