then spring has surely sprung.

Can you beat it department: The way some of the menfolks around Plymouth use the Twentieth Century gypping posts (parking meters, to those slow on the uptake) for a prop. The leaning is free.

Touchy subject department: The numerous bits of trash and paper marring the appearance of Plymouth streets and sidewalks. Quite noticeable the eyesore was when the wind whirled it around and deposited it in front of store doors during the recent windy

A period of 67 years has elapsed between the dates on which a deed for the transfer of land in Washington County was signed and registered. The deed, which was written in 1882, came into the courthouse last week to be R. Campbell noted the antique

Who was the woman down or her knees on Water street in Plymouth Friday? She was trying to rescue a hat the wind had Gets Right Name blown under a car parked on the street. She had just come from But Wrong Place church, and to someone who expressed surprise at seeing her upon her knees she remarked: "I'm just taking up where I left off in church."-P. S. She retrieved the hat-whether or not by prayer is the question.

"Here's what I want you to give me for Mother's Day," the mother told her small son as they gazed into the window of a Plymouth store. "What are you going to give me for Father's Day? was the little boy's response.

Azar Craddock Passes Monday

Funeral services for Azar Craddock, 65, of Plymouth were conducted Tuesday, April 11, at 3 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Herbert Ange, in Plymouth. Rites were conducted by the Rev. P. B. Minsnew, and burial was in the Weed cemetery. Mr. Craddock died at the home

of his daughter in Plymouth on years. He was born in Washing- will open in the court room in explaining the displays.

Herbert Ange of Plymouth, Mrs. Wednesday. James Spencer of Plymouth, and Craddock of Plymouth, and Jef- payment of contracts. frey and Leslie Cradock of Nor-

PMA Calls Meet Reports Not in on Of Committeemen

There will be a special joint meeting of the county and commeeting, Miss Ausbon said, is to completed at that time. discuss different phases of the

make a list of questions they wish April 9. answered at this meeting. J. L. Kelton, field officer from the state office, will be in Plymouth to conduct the meeting and answer the Meet Tonight at Courthouse to 11:30 a. m., at the Roper school.

the county will require each and and the general public tonight at every committeeman to give full eight o'clock in the courthouse. to 11:30 a. m., at the J. J. Clemcooperation in participating in Dr. T. L. Bray will be the speak-mons school. the program, Miss Ausbon said, er.

In Few County Areas Another member of the army of | Some of the rural districts will County has resigned, according to the crew leader, while others will be completed next week. Freeman added that workers are still receiving wonderful workers are census takers in Washington be finished this week according this week reported that local still receiving wonderful response

Infants born in January, Febtor to complete an assigned ter- in carrying out these instructions Mizelle. The unassigned areas al- born in January, both were girls day, April 19, and continuing both had the same name

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TO TOUR COUNTY NEXT WEEK



for the Friendship Trains sent them from this country, will be exhibited at various points in the county next week. The county tour begins next Monday and will continue daily through Friday. The public is invited to the exhibit which is being transported in the trailer pictured above.

filed, 67 years after the deed had been made. Register of Deeds, J. Gratitude Trailer in deed had the spelling "hath" for County Next Week "have."

Getting the right name but the wrong county and the wrong state was the result of a bit of research on the part of Herbert S. Taylor, who will open a Western Auto Associate store in Plymouth next month.

Taylor, who comes to Plymouth from Norfolk, was interested in obtaining information on business activities in Washington county. He wrote to the Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, in Washington, D. C., for the statistics.

The national department was cooperative, and Taylor got replies. But signals were crossed, and the figures Taylor received were not for Washington County, N. C., but for Washington County, Pa.

Begins Monday

With Judge Q. K.Nimocks, jr. April 10 at 4:50 a. m. after an presiding, the civil term of Washillness of approximately three ington County Superior Court exhibits, driving the trailer and State REA would merely turn ton County and was a life-long Piymouth April 17. The court is A tall, graceful Sevres vase, gi-

Mrs. Ernest Frame of Norfolk, divorce, while others are con- attired in provincial costumes, Va.; four sons, David and Pearly tests for payment of damages or china, mounted etchings and jugs

Mrs. Henry Harrison, chairman munity PMA committeemen next of the 1950 Easter Seal Sale in ry is as follows: Wednesday, April 19, at 2 p.m., Washington County, expressed in the agriculture building, according to Miss Miriam Ausbon, had reached its quota. She could ty Courthouse. The Hampton Elementary school which is one secretary of the Washington give no official figures, since col-Couty PMA. The purpose of the lections from workers were not block away will visit the trailer

Committeemen are requested to came to an end on Easter Sunday, school.

The tremendous job of getting A cancer education meeting for to 5 p. m., at the Community 17,130 acres of land measured in workers in the 1950 Cancer Drive building in Roper.

Census Nearing End

work is still progressing nicely from the public and that the coin the 17th Decennial census be- operation is appreciated. ing taken throughout the United

so will be given to enumerators —one white and one Negro—and through August. The stores will be closed at 12 noon.

Roper merchants, acting upon ruary, March and April of 1950 will begin Wednesday afternoon State College, unable to attend ers were reported to have had full support to be given the new 12. It is requested that all par-colored school on April 17; Ro-Mrs. Edna Chesson Mizelle, of are required to be registered on closing next week, according to the meeting, sent Prof. Earl Hos-many questions to ask on live- officers who will assume duties in ents with children planning to per white school on April 17; Ro-many questions to ask on live- officers who will assume duties in ents with children planning to per white school on April 24; Roper has resigned, according to an infant card, Freeman pointed an announcement of Wade S. Freeman, and the first enumera- out. He said that one enumerator Hardison, of Roper. ritory will be offered the terri- reported a coincidence in count- observe Wednesday afternoons as tory previously assigned to Mrs. ing two infants. Both infants were a holiday beginning on Wednes-

The Gratitude Train from France will be in Washington County during the week of April 17 through 21, according to a tentative schedule released by R. F. Lowry, superintendent of county the Monticello Home Demonstra-

school children in the county.

France, arrived in Raleigh on able. February 8, 1949, and were unpacked and put on display.

He leaves three daughters; Mrs. three days, Monday through is one display along with some automatic toy cars, satin lined Four of the cases are suits for and downed baby clothes, dolls are also included. An intricate nant of a French Girl Scout troop. There is also a wedding gown, tivities of the organization. a peasant blouse, a picture made of inlaid wood, lace, medals, and artificial silk kerchiefs. For the Easter Seal Sale school children, special attention is called to the pictures and letis called to the pictures and let-

ters from French children. The schedule released by Low-

at the Courthouse.

Wednesday, April 19, 8:30 a. m. Wednesday, April 19, 1 p. m.

Thursday, April 20, 8:30 a. m.

Thursday, April 20, 1 p. m. to p. m., in front of the observa-

tion tower at Creswell. Friday, April 21, 8:30 a. m. to

Friday, April 21, 1 p. m. to 3:30 p. m. at the Creswell colored

Close Wednesdays discussion on livestock production in eastern North Carolina. advised the farmers of ing. facilities needed.

Stores agreeing to close will

Washington Highway Resi- Preston Moore Fatally Shot dents Informed by Carolina Official That Project Not Possible in 1950

Washington highway was exclud- awaiting trial in Recorders court ed from the 1950 schedule of projects outlined by the Carolina W. M. Darden of Plymouth.

telephone line from Plymouth to Brinkley avenue, and told the extend a distance of aproximately sheriff that he had shot Moore. 13 miles beyond the city limits on the Washington highway, was him through the door," Walker

The Plymouth man has been been discussed by the Alba and In order that people through- ficials of the telephone company tion clubs. Darden said that ofout the state will have an oppor- would possibly realize more reatunity to see the gifts from dily the need for the service if France the schedule provides a individuals living in the area to date for adults as well as all be serviced, as well as the members of the home demonstration The Gratitude Train was clubs, would write directly to the France's way of saying "thank company in Tarboro. He said a you" for the gifts of food sent by survey of the area was taken in the American people on the 1948, and the survey determined Friendship Trains, an idea origithat 39 families were interested in nated by columnist Drew Pear- securing telephone service. He son. The 36 large wooden crates, stated the belief that others proked with gifts from the homes, would desire the service if the nops, towns and factories of company would make it avail-

In the letter Darrow stated that Material for lining the 26 dis-include the local project in the an attempt would be made to play cases in the trailer was do- next schedule. He advised those nated by Burlington Mills, Inc., living in the affected area not Around 100 Scouts From and staff members of the Hall of to make applications through the History, State Department of Ar- State REA in view of the location chives and History arranged the of the homes. He added that the the project over to the company.

Regular Meet of

chairman of a committee to in- porce to be held in the near fu- Phelps at the Washington-Tyr- posts will be filled as follows. vestigate the possibilities of pro- ture at Kinston. viding a recreational park for the There will be a parade starting 5.3 miles. children of Plymouth. Saunders at the scout hut here Saturday and his committee were asked to afternoon at 3 o'clock. Taking study the project after members part will be girl and cub scouts, County line, a distance of 2.7 adjutant; Randolph Mitten, offi-

chairman of the committee to Band. The quota for Washington County was \$375, and the drive 12 noon, at the Plymouth white and 19 is Ralp Hunter, while been arranged for the pre-cambeen arranged fo

Tuesday Night; Hearing Set April 25

A Plymouth Negro is in the han 39 families living on the Washington County jail today on a charge of murder.

Richard Walker, 58 year old Telephone and Telegraph com- Negro of Plymouth, is charged pany of Tarboro, according to with the murder of Preston information received recently by Moore, West Main street Negro about 55 years old. According to According to the letter received Sheriff J. K. Reid, Walker came y Darden from W. C. Darrow, to his home at approximately mmercial manager of the tele- 11:30 Tuesday night, shorty after phone company, the proposed the shooting had occured on

"I shot Preston Moore. I shot given consideration but deferred is quoted as saying by Sheriff

ty Opportunity to See although every consideration possible was given to the project to which you refer, it could not in the home at the time, besides Moore and Viola Gerald were Viola's daughter and a couple of children, according to Sheriff Reid.

According to Coroner Jack Horner, he was called to the in Washington County is due to scene of the shooting, and found get a face-lifting under the sec-Moore to be still alive at the ond phase of the \$200,000,000 sectime. Horner said that Moore was ondary road program, according taken to Dr. E. W. Furgurson. Dr. Furgurson could not be reach- by the State Highway Commised Wednesday for details of the dead man's injuries.

Investigation revealed that the five projects, all located in the weapon, a single barrel shot gun eastern end of the county, around was borrawed by the man charg- Creswell and Cherry. The proed with the murder. Walker will jects were listed to be hard-surbe given a hearing on April 25. faced along with other similiar

Scout Camporee To Be Held Here Friday-Sunday

Troops in Martin, Tyr-opment of the area served by the rell and Washington Ex- road, the commissioner added. pected To Attend Around 100 Scouts from tre

at Columbia, Roper, Williamston, from a point on US 64 near Scup-Jamesville, Robersonville and the host troop, Plymouth, are expect- loop to a point on the pavement Jaycees Friday host troop, Plymouth, are expectation to a point of the patched to converge on the town Friday for a Scout Pre-Camporee, ry, a distance of 5.4 miles. to begin at 4 o'clock in the after-During the business meeting of noon and continue until Sunday the Tyrrell County line, a diseign Wars, meeting at the court-Many of the cases scheduled for model of a French fishing boat the Plymouth Junior Chamber of morning at 9:30 o'clock, it was tance of 1.4 miles. folk, Va.; and one sister, Mrs. trial have appeared on previous will attract the boys, while girls Commerce Friday night, April 7, announced this week by F. M. several committees were formed Bowers, of Plymouth, district 0.4 miles south from Cherry, 3 commander, Bill Ruffin was electo formulate plans for future ac- chairman. Mr. Bowers said that miles west toward Roper. the Plymouth assemblage is being Stuart Saunders was appointed held in preparation for the cam- Cherry south and east to Lake junior vice commander. Other

discussed the matter at length. as well as the Boy Scouts, and miles. Roy Manning jr. was appointed also the Plymouth High School

secure ads for the North Caroli- Tonight at its regular meeting, is not known when it will receive na Jaycee State Directory. Head- the Plymouth Lions Club is en- project status. ing the committee to make plans tertaining all scouts and scouters,

James Boyce was named chairporce and the scouts and their fall was 25.28 miles. The projects the importance of members atleaders will be kent busy from the listed under the second phase of Tuesday, April 18, 1 p. m. to man of the committee to make leaders will be kept busy from the listed under the second phase of tending this meeting. plans for the National Conventime they assemble until camp is the road program bring the total broken Sunday morning. Mr. for the county to 42.98 miles. During the program, Mac Mar- Bowers explained that a church row introduced Mr. Petro of the service will be held on the standard Oil Company. Mr. Pet- grounds Sunday morning from Bateman Chosen ro entertained the group by show- 8:30 until 9:30 o'clock, and the ing a sound film of North Caro- pre-camporee will be brought to

Farm Bureau Hears Friday, April 21, 8:30 a. m. to 12 noon, at the Creswell white school. Livestock Specialist ing Tuesday night at which other officers were elected. With the club electing the

tetler to address the group of stock production. fessor Hostetler is with the ani- of the Farm Bureau is scheduled program chairman, Neil Riply, examinations will be given.

In his discussion on the possi- outh on May 5, Roper on May 11, which outlined the sources in the Wood, county health nurse, will children on May 12. bilities of livestock production in and Creswell on May 12, accord- production of electrical power. be in charge of the examinations. All clinics are slated to begin Eastern North Carolina the spea- ing to Herbert Chesson, president. Riply also made brief remarks All white doctors in Plymouth at 10 o'clock, Miss Wood stated

Attended by approximately 30 ker outlined important factors to members, the Washington County be considered by farmers plan- Lowry in the position of vice-Farm Bureau during its countyning to go into the business of president and Ed Spruill, re-electlivestock production. He emphaed to his position of secretarywide meeting conducted in Roper sized the importance of pastures, treasurer. Friday night, April 7, heard a required and explained marketdiscussion on livestock produc- advised the farmers on the feed-

The scheduled speaker, Dr. D. Following the talk Prof. Hos- and Roy W. Spruill. W. Colvard, head of the depart- tetler led in a round table discus-

Rural Telephone One Negro Dead, Saturday Is Last Day for Line Extension Is Not Set This Year Charge of Murder Filing for County Offices

By Richard Walker Here Most Local Stores To Close on Wednesdays

More County Roads

Next Wenesday, April 19, is the date designaated by the Plymouth Merchants Association for member stores to begin closing at noon on Wednesday during the spring and summer months. An official announcement to that effect is being run in this issue of the Beacon by the local business

For the convenience of Easter shoppers the merchants decided not to begin closing until after the holiday season and since Easter Monday was observed

To Be Improved in Cres-

A total of 17.7 miles of roads

to information released this week

This road mileage is included in

projects in the 12-county second

district from proceeds of road

bonds sold last month, Commis-

sioner W. Guy Hargett of Rich-

Selection of roads for improve-

ment was based on such factors

as traffic count, school bus and

mail routes, relation of the road

to the highway system, and the

commercial and residential devel-

The discription and length of

Part of the old Creswell road,

the individual projects listed is

pernong south and on the west

rell County line, a distance of

The number of miles of road

With the club electing the nom

inees of the nominating commit-

tee the members placed R. F

On the new board of directors

who will serve with the other

July.

of the Long Ridge road and it trustees.

lands said.

as follows:

well-Cherry Area

by stores generally as a holiday it was decided to remain open the following Wednesday, Bill Davenport, president of the local group, explained

There will be exceptions to the closing rule as in the past. Restaurants, drug stores and service stations will not observe the half-day closing each Wednesday and it is likely that most garages will remain open also. However, it could not be

learned for certain late yesterday just what garages will remain open and which will close Surfacing Due for 5

ENGLEHARD SPEAKER

Miss Iris Davepor the seals at the 24th District meeting of Home Demonstration club wo-

men in Englehard, April 19.

Approximately 60 women from

Washington county will attend

to hear Miss Davenport address

Officers for VFW

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house here. The new slate of of-

ted senior vice commander and

Joe Peele, quartermaster; Clay-

ton Ragland, post advocate;

cer of the day, and E. E. Harrell,

Commander Weaver has an-

Albemarle Schoolmasters

will begin at 6:30 p. m.

the meeting.

North from Belanga Fork to No. 4023 of the Veterans of For-

The Newland road from a point ficers is headed by Jack Weaver,

The Western Farm road, from John F. Davenport is the new

The Spruill's Bridge road, from James Thomas, chaplain; Dr. E.

Creswell southeast to the Tyrrell W. Furgurson, doctor; Joe Boone,

Twelve Candidates in Running Thus Far; Precinct Officials Named by Elec-

With the filing deadline for indidates running for office in the May Primary only two days away, L. S. Brey, chairman of the Washington County Board of Elections, has announced that a total of 12 candidates for county offices have filed and paid their

Registrars and poll holders of the precincts in Washington County were named at the meeting of the board in Plymouth last Saturday. Brey said at the meeting that new registration books have been provided for the counfree of charge by the state. These books will replace the 3 books previously used in primaries. Brey explained that the new consolidated book will take the place of the general election registration book, the Democratic primary registration book and he Republican primary book.

The new consolidated registration book will contain the following information on each voter: Name, party affiliation, race, date registered, residence and place of birth. Space is provided to show whether the voter cast a ballot in each primary and general election for every referendum from 1950 through 1970. The book will also include information involving all changes in the registration of a voter, Brey pointed

In Washington county, Brey said that no new registration will be required when the new books are placed into use. The books will be delivered to the registrars of the various precincts two weeks before the first date of registration which is on April 29. Registrars will be responsible for

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Arrants' Garage Is Gutted by Flames In Early Morning

Costliest Fire in Plymouth Since Bottling Plant Fire, Chief Says; Origin Undetermined

Fire of undetermined origin gutted the Arrants Garage on Wilson street in the early hours this morning. The total damage had not been estimated as this issue of the Beacon went to press but Plymouth Fire Chief Miller Warren declared it was easily the costliest fire in or around Plymouth since the Bob Cola Bottling Plant fire of some two years ago.

The local fire department received the alarm at 1:20 o'clock this morning and when the trucks arrived at the scene the roof of the building was already caving in and the parapet on the front wall had fallen, Warren said.

In the list no mention was made Robert Bowen and Jimmy Hayes, laid by the fireman and the fire chief estimated this morning that nounced that guards and other of water were poured upon the between 30,000 and 40,000 gallons appointive officers not yet nam- blaze in a successful effort to ed will be announced at the next confine the flames to the building. in Washington County with the meeting to be held Thursday The fire was fought until 4:45 gutted the large brick building. Windows were smashed and the place was a shambles.

Although W. T. Arrants, owner Club Will Meet April 17 and operator of the business—a Kaiser-Frazier dealership and re-The Albemarle School Master's pair shop-was not contacted, it Rotary President The Albemarle School Master's pair shop—was not contacted, it club will conduct its meeting on is understood that the last new April 17, it has been announced car at the garage was sold prior P. B. Bateman of Plymouth was named president of the Plymouth Rotary club at a meeting Tuesday night at which time and other things were covered.

Pre-School Clinics To Begin Tomorrow

Parents of children in Wash- will assist on the date for the officers, will be Howard Walker ington county are reminded to- Plymouth white children to reday that pre-school clinics will port.

attend school next fall bring Plymouth colored school on Ap-

Members of the Rotary and be conducted through-out the Clinics will be at Creswell coan agreement reached recently, ment in animal husbandry at sion on the subject, and the farm- President J. S. Fleming pledged county between April 14 and May lored school on April 14; Roper

Washington County farmers. Pro- The next county-wide meeting Presented by Howard Walker, them to the places at which the ril 26; Creswell high school for the Creswell white children on mal husbandry department at the for July with community meet- representative of the General Dr. Cladius McGowan, county May 8; and the health departings to be conducted in Plym- Electric company, showed a film health doctor, and Miss Elizabeth ment for the Plymouth white