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of Plymouth, returned home Tuesday after having spent the Monday Is Last Day of Deer and Bear Season With the open season on bear hunting opossum and raccoon With the open season on bear hunting opossum and raccoon With the open season on bear hunting opossum and raccoon holiday season in Damascus, Va. where they visited Mrs. Turner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spurgeon. Mr. Turner reported a nice trip and wonderful wea

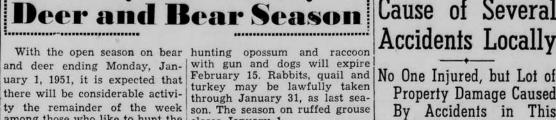
Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Campbell, of Plymouth, had the most pleasant kind of Christmas season-all the family at home, including three grandchildren. Their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell, of Winston-Salem, and their daughter and band, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Allen, of Williamston, together ther. with the children, were all here for the occasion.

Local highway patrolmen at least have enjoyed a respite lately from highway accidents, even though they are usually pretty busy people in many other ways. When a young colored driver from near Roper turned his car over last Sunday morning on the Folly road, it marked the first accident reported in the county in exactly fourteen days

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Nobles spent the Christmas holidays at West Point, N. Y., with Mrs. No-bles' son, James Polk Spruill, who is a cadet at the United States Military Academy there. They expected to return to Plym-Tuesday, but Mr. Nobles called yesterday to say that they were snowbound at West Point, but planned to leave this morn-ing and be home sometime to-the or tomorrow.

Local Board in **Routine Meeting** Here Last Night

Final Meeting for Chairman Tetterton; Office Will Be Closed Until Next Tuesday Morning



among those who like to hunt the closes January 1. Trapping for mink, muskrat, bigger game-that is, provided the hunters are hardy enough to opossum and raccoon may be withstand the bitter, cold wea- lawfully done through February

15. There is no open season for The open season on squirrels trapping beaver. Otter may be ington County this morning trapped legally until February 1, (Thursday) and the sudden shift in Washington County exipres trapped legally until February 1, the same day. The season for just as a year ago.

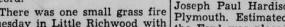
Christmas Holidays Are Reported Quiet Throughout County Kader Brown, narrowly escaped certain death when he leaped

Residents Urged Pay Taxes Early

Plymouth residents have been reminded by P. W. Brown, local police chief, that their town taxes are now payable at par and will be until February 1, after which 1 per cent interlaw enforcement officers.

est will be charged to delinest will be charged to deim-quent payers. March I another 1 per cent interest accretion 1/2 of 1 per cent interest will be added for each additional month thereafter. This schedule of interest is charged by law and applies as well to state and county taxes.

Mr. Brown has urged all citizens to appear at the office of the town clerk and pay their taxes as soon as possible and thus avoid the interest.



Property Damage Caused By Accidents in This Area Early Today

Wrecks apparently were a dime dozen in Plymouth and Washfrom pleasant to below-freezing weather which hit here late Tuesday could be blamed at least partly for the numerous acci-

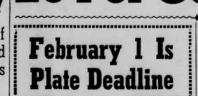
Patrolmen and police officers were really on the run investi-gating accidents here and there as calls continued to come in, it

Couple of Small Fires Here from the cab of a truck loaded And One Accident Are with lumber when it skidded on the icy payment two miles west

All Reported to Officers Up To Today Up To Today General behavior in Plymouth ton. The load of lumber smashed

and Washington County was very its way through the cab soon afgood over the Christmas holiday ter the man leaped to safety. He season, according to reports from was not traveling fast, and was Sheriff J. K. Reid, Plymouth Po- unhurt. The damage to the truck lice Chief P. W. Brown and other could not be ascertained.

Cars driven by two employees of the N. C. Pulp Company here The usual drunken scrapes, of the N. C. Pulp Company here tech as cutting and shooting of the N. C. Pulp Company here with the investigating pa-trolman, R. W. roung, of Flym-outh, at \$390 when they skidded just one car. No one was injured on the icy concrete, with the rear and damage was not considered very heavy. The one wreck was also the first reported accident in crete bridge rail. The car in front was a 1948 Plymouth sedan, Considering the season, local of-ficers think that is an excellent record. There was one small grass fire Tuesday in Little Richwood with the county in exactly two weeks.



All State and county offices will be closed Monday in ob-servance of New Year's. The local bank and post office will also be closed to business all day.

All places of business, including drug stores, restaurants, grocery, hardware, clothing, furniture and appliance stores will be open for business as usual. One of the chain grocery stores will remain open as A & P will remain open as last year, but Pender's will observe the holiday by closing, Mana-ger Ralph Humes said.

County Boards to Meet January 8

The board of county commissioners and the Washington County Board of Education which customarily meet on the first Monday in each month will not meet Monday, January 1, but will observe the New Year's de de convene the follow-January 8, at their ng places in the county courthouse here. expected to be of a routine na- of Roper; Skinnersville township,

ture. The Plymouth Town Council s expected to meet Monday night, January 1 at 8 o'clock in

Four Township List Takers Outline Schedules; Urge Early Listing to Avoid Last-Minute Rush

Tax listing will get underway in Washington County next Tuesday morning, January 2, when the four township list takers start in on their annual task under the direction of H. L. Davenport, of Skinnersville, county tax supervisor. Final instructions and supplies were furnished the listers at an adjourned meeting of the county commissioners Tuesday night of last week, when the tax supervisor and list takers were sworn in and arrangements com pleted to secure uniform listing of personal property throughout he county.

Monday being a legal holiday, the listing will not begin until Tuesday morning, continuing throughout the month of January. Property owners are urged to list as early as possible, however, to avoid the last-minute rush that always develops during the

last few days of the month. Warning has been given that no extension of time will be allowed for listing, and those who do not get their property on the books during the allotted time are sub-ject to penalties for failure to list. The following are list-takers for the coming year, appointed by the commissioners at their December meeting: Plymouth town-Business to be taken up by the ship, Clarence L. Blount; Lees two boards at their meetings is Mill township, Robert W. Lewis,

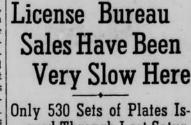
> Walter W. White; and Scuppernong township, Paul B. Belanga, See LIST TAKERS, Page 12

Some Observe **New Years Day**

State Highway Patrolman R. W. Young has stated that no arrest will be made in Washington County for failure on the part of automobile opera-tors to display 1951 auto lic-ense plates until after the 30day period of grace, terminating on February 1, which has been granted to all motorists of the state. The new state licenses may

be bought at the branch auto license bureau located at the Etheridge Company here. The bureau is in charge of E. E.

Etheridge. Plymouth city plates may be purchased in the office of W. A. Roebuck, city clerk.



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The latest available report from the branch auto license bureau at The Etheridge Company here reveals that a total of 530 sets of 1951 North Carolina license plates of all types have been issued to motor vehicle owners, egislative Sessions the manager of the bureau, E. E.

Horizontal Increase Instead Of Revaluation Favored At Meeting of Board Held Last Week

A 20 per cent horizontal increase in the valuation of all real estate in Washington County was ordered by the board of commissioners for the tax year of 1951 at an adjourned meeting last week. The board also completed arrangements for the listing of all property during Jan-uary, 1951, by giving the oath of office to the tax supervisor, H. L. Davenport, and the four town-ship list takers, in addition to discussing and arranging for the uniform listing of personal property, including automobiles, farm products and livestock.

Next year was scheduled to be the time for a complete revaluation of all real estate in the county; but the board decided, by unanimous vote, to increase the value of all real estate by 20 per cent rather than undertake the task of revaluing each parcel or tract of real estate separately. It was felt that the pres-Very Slow Here ent unstable and uncertain value of most property might result in too many inequalities if revalu-ation was undertaken, and members of the board expressed the sued Through Last Satur-day; Deadline Is January hope that conditions would let off before it is necessary to examine each tract separately. hope that conditions would level off before it is necessary to re-

The valuation on automobiles also will be increased substantially in the listing for 1951, as the commissioners ordered that they put on the books at the average cash value as shown in the automobile "Blue Book" for 1951. Last year cars and trucks were listed at two-thirds of the average cash value shown in the blue book, and the year before they were listed at 80 per cent Sales appear to be definitely of the average cash value. There was some variation in less than five weeks remain in the valuation of farm products which to legally operate a motor and livestock from last year, but vehicle displaying the 1950 lic-ense plates and that the Motor Values fixed were as follows: Vehicle Bureau in Raleigh has Sheep, \$3 to \$6 per head; goats, estimated the needs of the local \$2 to \$4; milch cows, \$100 to \$150; other cattle, 10 cents pound; poultry, 15 cents pound; horses, ing sales through Saturday, are No. 1, \$50 to \$75; horses, No. 2, listed according to categories as \$25 to \$75; mules, No. 1, \$100 to rather slow, it was pointed out mules. Value of No. 1 horses last that they compare very favor- year was carried at \$75 to \$100, ably with sales a year ago for the against \$50 to \$75 this year. Nc.

A routine meeting of the local selective service board was held in the board office at the courthouse here Wednesday night to classify those registrants newly turned 19 years of age and to pass on the requested reclassification of other registrants. It was the last board meeting for Chairman Robert L. Tetterton, of Plymouth, who recently gave no-

e of resignation from the post. The board office will be closed until Tuesday morning, January 2, it was announced. At that time it will reopen for business at the usual hour-90'clock.

It is again urged that all registrants requesting deferments or nual installment service at the reclassifications not wait to do Lodge Hall here Tuesday night,

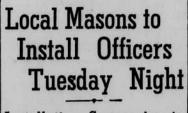
It was also pointed out that once a registrant receives notice as he would be subject to fine Earl G. Bowen, Junior Warden; outh. or imprisonment, or both, under H. H. Allen, Secretary; and B. G. selective service regulations. Registrants should enlist, if they so desire, before such time as they are notified to report for nounced the following list of apexamination.

Those married registrants who at ceremonies Tuesday night: Roper, wish to be reclassified, should con; Harry Garrett, Junior Deabring their marriage certificate con; Hilton Dunbar, Senior Stealong when calling at the board ward; Dick Norman, Junior Steoffice, it was said, since it is not mandatory that local boards Lucas, sr., Chaplain. W. A. Roesome cases, without the certifi-cate, they may be some cases at the certifi-cate, they may be some content on the Lodge Hall Gurvass Phelps cate, they may be sent on into Master Masons are invited to attend.

Christmas Shopping

A cross section of Plymouth prices received for peanuts were

point of the farm population, were reported to have moved in



port for examination or induc- ther V. J. Spivey, of Williamston, mitted and/or discharged there officers. tion, but to make appeals early, serving as Installing Officer. from Wednesday of last week The following officers who through Wednesday afternoon:

Admissions, white: Mrs. Tom were elected in December will

Admissions, colored: James A. Campbell, Treasurer. Incoming Master Hall has anpointive officers to be installed strong and Georgia Cox, both of

Discharges, white: Mrs. Tom Carter.

Discharges, colored: Vivian Moore, Rachael Baum, James A. Branch and Abraham Moore.

Funeral services were conduct-ed Thursday afternoon from the Mu

disorder.

than a year ago. From the stand- and other special seasonal items cemetery at the homeplace.

the Ford was placed at \$225. no damage and Wednesday found to the home of Mrs. Bob Tetter-ton. A chimney fire there caused little damage. Otherwise, fire-men enjoyed a holiday, also. Sheriff Reid stated that it was indeed gratifying to find such little trouble cropping up at this retired a season of the year, as Installation Ceremonies to Begin at 8 o'Clock; Sup-per Will Be Served Hour Begin at 8 o'Clock; Sup-per Will Be Served Hour Begin at 8 o'Clock; Sup-per Will Be Served Hour Begin at 8 o'Clock; Sup-per Will Be Served Hour Begin at 8 o'Clock; Sup-per Will Be Served Hour Begin at 8 o'Clock; Sup-per Will Be Served Hour Begin at 8 o'Clock; Sup-per Will Be Served Hour

Mary Broughton Mr. Woolard said the first of the week that he has no definite

no damage and Wednesday found local firemen answering a call to the home of Mrs. Bob Tetter-s400 was sustained by a 1949 **To Start Wednesday;** Woolard Goes Early

Washington County Represent- into this matter and will have ative-Elect W. J. Woolard plans more about the subject later. At to leave Sunday for Raleigh, the present time, it is difficult where he will be for the next for farmers in the lake section Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, A. F. & A. M., will hold its annul installment service at the Records at the Washington at t

reclassifications not wait to do this after receiving notice to re-port for examination or induc-

The Democratic caucus will be that state aid may be secured to It was reported from a reliable held Tuesday night, when the alleviate the peculiar local sit- the same time last year, total source that another wreck oc-curred near the sound bridge and are to be elected. The big battle uation. The North Carolina Pulp sales had reached only 317 sets. Determined the sound bridge and bridge and are to be elected. The big battle company plant is located in Mar-

to investigate it. Details were ership, and the local representa- their children while receiving no tive has made no public commit- tax revenue directly from the ments as to how he will vote. A plant. This has resulted in crowd-Corey, of Jamesville, is reported ded conditions in local schools, to be a candidate for sergeant which the county has found imat arms of the house.

Funeral services were conduct- time, and that he would make several times in the past, but no ed Friday afternoon at 2:30 public anything of that nature tangible results have been obo'clock for Mrs. Mary Broughton, before it was offered in the house. tained. Mr. Woolard stated that of Plymouth, who died at her He stated that he would be glad he had discussed this matter with home near here Thursday morn- to hear from the people of the representatives of several other ing at 9:30. Services were held county about any suggested legis- counties, and some of them have

ial followed in Bateman Ceme- for him to take on matters of so has discussed with other rep-

state-wide interest. The representative said he had ed state-wide legislation due to ed Thursday afternoon from the home near Creswell for Gurvass Phelps, 21, who died Wednesday outh, was 83 years of age. She Up To Expectations Phelps, 21, who died Wednesday morning about five o'clock at a Columbia hospital following a bout five o'clock at a Columbia hospital following a bout five o'clock at a Columbia hospital following a bout five o'clock at a Columbia hospital following a bout five o'clock at a Columbia hospital following a bout five o'clock at a Columbia hospital following a bout five o'clock at a Columbia hospital following a bout five o'clock at a Columbia hospital following a bout five o'clock at a Columbia hospital following a bout five o'clock at a Columbia hospital following a bout five o'clock at a Columbia hospital following a bout five o'clock at a county field for 2 they feel should be enacted into the past three should be enacted into serious operation for a stomach been confined to her bed for 2 they feel should be enacted into fications to eliminate much of \$800 in the annual Seal Sale, Although the sale is ordinarily

weeks. merchants interviewed reported the concensus of opinion that business was more gratifying business was more gratifying ably leaving many farmers with dent of the county. He was a Allen and Sallie Sullivan Allen. sion, but public notice will be Woolard stated that he had not cludes the sale of seal bonds and continue for a while, Mrs .Owens than they had earlier hoped for, debts to be settled through sale member of the Mt. Tabor Free She came to Pymouth from Mar- given before any bills are intro- made up his mind about these the sale of bangles in the white said in the hope of reaching the

outh; four grandchildren and the board of conservation and de- they are in Raleigh and to in- bangles by school children. The mentioned, should also get their Surviving besides his parents three great grandchildren; two velopment to lower the water form him whenever he can be of total amount reported so far reports in as soon as possible, in main segment of the economy in good volume, and it is thought are two sisters, Mrs. Ella Bateman, of level of Lake Phelps in this coun- service. His headquarters during to date came from solicitations order that they may be figured this rural county, it was surely it was surely it at carry-overs will be small, Sarah Jane Phelps, and a brother, Burner, jr., all of Creswell. Structure in the session will be at the Sir by mail in which the seals were in the county totals, the chair-no banner year, although the session. He plans to look Walter Hotel.

possible to remedy with the

Mr. Woolard said the first of amount of tax revenue available. This matter has been brought local legislation in mind at this to the attention of state officials

resentatives some of the propos-

theridge, said yesterday.

lagging when it is considered that branch in excess of 3,000 sets.

Plates issued thus far, includ-

corresponding time. In fact, at |-

Mr. Etheridge wishes to remind Recorder's Court Session the public that it costs the same amount to secure the license plates, regardless of the time, and

that it is in the interest of everyone concerned to get the licenses there was no session of Recordearly. If the majority of the mot- ers Court here Tuesday. The or vehicle owners put off getting court will next be in session their plates until near the dead- Tuesday, January 2 and it is likeline, it will mean that the local ly that there will be a rather bureau will be unable to give heavy docket of cases to be heard. the fast service it would like to The following Monday, January line is January 31.

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Called Off Here Tuesday

Due to the holiday season, extend to the public. Therefore, 8, Superior Court will convene, the bureau manager urges every- thereby necessitating a postponeone to come in as soon as possible ment of the regular Tuesday and get the job done. The dead- morning session of Recorder's Court until Tuesday, January 16.

Rites Thursday Rickens, pastor of Ludford Me-morial Baptist Church here. Bur-ition county voters would like Still Short of Quota

A total of \$547.19 has been re-| and colored, throughout the

law, but had received no response the opposition to the old statute. County Chairman Mrs. Bosie closed Christmas Day each year,

in view of all the circumstances. Buying power certainly reach-ed no peak in the county this year and prices of most commodi-ties were up as high or higher than a year ago. From the stand-the services were conducted by the Rev. R. C. Ambrose, as-ties were up as high or higher than a year ago. From the stand-the services were conducted by the Rev. R. C. Ambrose, as-ties were up as high or higher than a year ago. From the stand-the services were conducted by the Rev. R. C. Ambrose, as-ties were up as high or higher than a year ago. From the stand-the services were conducted by the Rev. R. C. Ambrose, as-ties were up as high or higher the services were conducted by the Rev. R. C. Ambrose, as-the proposals are presented in the proposals are presented in the proposals are presented in the besend of the Mt. Tabor Free were large and traffic from store the proposals are presented in the proposals are presented in the legislature, but would the past fifty years. Surviving are 1 daughter, Mrs. Burial followed in the family the homenlace the proposals are presented in the legislature where the past and the hope of reaching the schools of the county All per-sone desiring to contribute who the past fifty years. Surviving are 1 daughter, Mrs. Burial followed in the family the homenlace the proposals are presented in the proposal proposal presented in the proposal proposal presented in the proposal proposal presented in the proposal pr

not available at press time.

Branch, Earline James, Abraham Moore and Cora Walker, all of Plymouth; and Ruth Arm-