D. Haddock left Wednesday for Wrightsville Beach to attend the convention of the life insurance company which he represents. He expects to return to Plymouth late Friday.

A. L. Singleton is undergoing treatment at a veterans' hospital in Kecoughtan, Virginia. It is thought that he will be able to return to his home here within the next few days.

We lifted this one from "Fut-ure," a Jaycee periodical, figuring it merited reprinting:

"When you need to tighten your belt, it's a recession; when you don't have a belt to tighten, that's a depression. When you don't have any pants to hold up,

Mute testimony to the torrid weather this section has been subjected to in recent weeks (or is it months, now?) are the wax crayons melted down in the display window of a Water Street

If you haven't yet paused to observe the display of pictures, news stories, features and column material in the window of the Coca Cola Bottling Works on Water Street, you've missed an attractive piece of work. Sponsored by the Pamlico Soil Conservation District and arranged by County Conservationist Harry Newland, it tells in picture and story the beneficial work the Soil Conservation Service is ac-

Mayor Reynold Spruill, of Roper, was in Plymouth yesterday with his right leg in a cast. He lost his balance and fell about 6 or 7 feet from a retaining wall back of his home Monday, severely spraining his right knee, but eaking no bones. Although the injury was very painful, the mayor said he was getting along all right and he expects to have the cast removed in about 10 days

The Plymouth Municipal Building has had its face lifted in the past week by the application of a couple of coats of paint. The wording "Municipal Building" lso was repainted, and the tructure now presents a much improved appearance.

The Washington County Selective Service Board recently received a directive ordering that all dentists and physicians in Priority No. 3 be classified. Only one man in the county, a physician, is affected by the order. The local board has no information as to whether or not his classification is a preliminary to being ordered to report for active duty with the armed forces.

Cpl. C. W. Ange **Visiting Parents**

Cpl. Clarence W. Ange, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levin Ange, of the Angetown section just over the Vashington County line in Marn County, was a visitor in Plymouth Tuesday afternoon. Corporal Ange returned home last Friday after three years of service with American occupation forces in Germany.

The young man said he had been stationed at Landstuhl, Germany, with the 583rd Medical Ambulance Company (Sep.), serving as driver of an emergency ambulance. He has been in the Army almost four years, reenlist- falling on the 9th, the 23rd and ing last Septmeber for an additional hitch of six years.

Ange said that he liked being fell on Wednesday, the 30th, the stationed in Germany very much, and he hopes to be reassigned to inches. That of the 9th was 1.07 duty there at the conclusion of his present furlough. He said he had run into several boys from this during 12 of the 31 days of that general section, including Ralph period. Rain fell on five succes-LeFever, of Wenona; James Modlin, of Jamesville; and Morton Critcher, of Williamston. Ange is days being 2.86 inches. subscriber to The Beacon, while oung Critcher receives the Wilemston Enterprise, and he said was measured on the 18th and they would get together and ex- 19th but on the 10th and 16th it rooms. It is understood that two change papers every now and

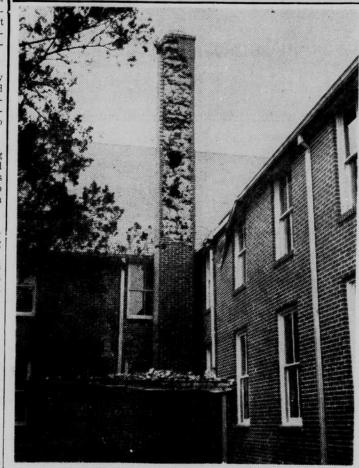
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LIGHTNING DAMAGES METHODIST BUILDING HERE | Action by Board Only on Routine



A bolt of lightning Wednesday night of last week "peeled" the tall chimney at the new educational building of the local Methodist church, doing a considerable amount of damage. Bricks and mortar from the chimney wrecked a portion of the guttering around the edge of the building and on the furnace room below, as well as knocking out several panes of glass in the windows. It is understood the loss was covered by insurance.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Board To Close Last dren. One-Teacher School best Campbell, was instructed to write Henry W. Lewis for information regarding the counties

road at Westover.

school.

of instruction. The order passed

by the county board of education

Monday directs that children who

would have attended this school

are to be absorbed into the ele-

mentary schools of the Plymouth and Roper districts. County of

ficials say some of the pupils will

go to Roper, some to Plymouth,

and some to the Mount Delane

lord, Mrs. Cordulia Hassell and

of New Bern, to transfer its con-

the heating contract for the union

colored school at Roper and

agreed to take over the Pearson

contract at the bid figure sub-

Members of the board of edu-

the commissioners. One wing of

the old county home was used

last year to provide three class-

more classrooms will be utilized

there during the coming term.

mitted by the New Bern firm.

board meeting Monday.

Council Meeting Put Off Monday

The Plymouth City Council did not hold its meeting Mon-day night of this week, as originally scheduled, but will meet next Monday night instead, according to City Clerk W. A. Roebuck. Delay in receiving the report of the recent audit and absence from town of two councilmen were given as rea-

sons for the postponement.

Auditors recently completed audit of the town books, and a study of the report was sched-uled to be one of the main items of business this month. When the report was not received in time for consideration Monday, it was decided to wait a week and avoid having to call a special meeting for that

Total Rainfall in July Recorded at Farm 7.06 Inches

Precipitation Recorded on Mrs. Pattie Starr Willis, all to teach at Roper; and W. E. Bateman, who will teach at Creswell. Total Thus Far Stands at Request of the J. T. Pearson

Total rainfall for the month of July, according to figures releas-tion building to the Henry Baker ed by the weather station at Tidewater Test Farm, was 7.06 inches. with rains of more than an inch

The heaviest rain during July measured precipitation being 1.18 inches, and the 23rd, 1.05 inches

There was some precipitation during 12 of the 31 days of that sive days from the 6th through the 10th, the total for the five

Nearly an inch of rain fell on the 6th and almost a half-inch

(See RAINFALL Page 12)

Frank L. Brinkley, chairman; C. Knowles, H. L. Davenport and H. W. Pritchett. The county attorney advised the board that the county had no

authority to issue a beer license to Mrs. C. C. Gibbs, of Roper, since the licensing of establishments to handle beer is under supervision of the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and the county has no jurisdiction in the Members of the county board

County Home for School-

of education, along with Superintendent of County Schools Roy F. Lowry, visited the meeting regarding additional rooms to take care of the students this Fall. The board of commissioners agreed to llow the necessary space in the ld county home to take care of the extra classroom space and Lowry was authorized and instructed to notify any tenants using the apartments in the wing of the building near the hospital to vacate those apartments needed to take care of the school chil-

The clerk to the board, J. Robert Campbell, was instructed to which had a revaluation of property during either January of Deep Bottom Colored Pupils this year or of last year. The in-Will Attend Other Schools formation is to be forwarded to Hubert L. Davenport, the Washformation is to be forwarded to In Plymouth and Roper ington County tax supervisor.
County Tax Collector E. J.

Spruill reported to the board that sum of \$2.107.18 had been Washington County was ordered month of July.

Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home discontinued at the monthly meetagent, and W. H. Pruden, county ing of the board of education agent, read their reports of work here Monday. The school is at accomplished during the month Deep Bottom, a colored unit, lo- of July.

cated on the Plymouth-Mackeys Mrs. Darden extended an invitation to the commissioners, the clerk and the county agent to The Deep Bottom school, which have dinner at her home. The inhad an average daily attendance vitation was readily accepted and of only 22 last term, is consider- following recess for the noon

Border Belt Had \$54 Average for First Day Sales

Contracts of four teachers, On Opening Last Year, three at Roper and one at Cres-well, were also approved at the Despite Heavy Offering of the start of the term. eachers are Mrs. Beulah W. Gay-Inferior Grades

Despite inferior quality of the offerings, tobacco prices averaged about \$54 on the opening sales in the border section of North Plumbing & Heating Company, Carolina Monday, according to preliminary reports reaching tract to install heating equipment here. The price is about \$4 per hundred above the average reported on the opening day sales Heating Company, of Wilson, was a year ago. approved. The Baker firm has

Those grades of average quality and even the common grades sold about \$10 higher than they did a year ago, and prices for the better types averaged about \$4 per hundred higher, the preliminary report indicated

The bulk of the tobacco sold on cation and the county superinopening day ranged in price from tendent met with the board of county commissioners and re- \$40 to \$69 with the practical top pegged at \$70. There were a few former county home for school scattered sales at \$71 per hunpurposes beginning September 1, 1952. The request was granted by

Although the quality of the op-pening-day "break" was said to have been inferior, it was rated slightly better than the quality of the offerings a year ago.

Sales were comparatively light, and farmers, hardly complete with harvest, did not attend the opening in great numbers. Takes by the Stabilization Cor-

poration did not average more than three per cent Monday—one of the lightest transactions in several seasons for this government price-supporting agency-and the pital. buying companies usually stayed well above the support price on the competitive grades.

This was seen in a sampling of grades picked at random as follows: Low orange primings, with a support price of 28 cents, brought from 37 to 52 cents per

Action by Board Only on Routine Matters Monday Plymouth Schools Facing In County Wrecks During Past Week

Commissioners Agree to Al- Necessary To Use Two More Rooms at County low Necessary Space in Home and Two in Building Being Constructed

Principal J. S. Fleming, of the Action was taken on several routine matters at the regular Plymouth white schools, is beginning to realize what the old lady who lived in a shoe was up on County Board of Commissioners held here Monday. The against. Come September 3rd, board meeting opened at 11 a. m. when county schools are schedin the commissioners' room at the uled to open, and he will have courthouse with the following so many children that already he doesn't know what to do.

Going over the records last week, Mr. Fleming learned that absolutely minimum requirements would be 30 classrooms, 21 for the elementary department and 9 for the high school. Classrooms available, including a number of substandard and makeshift rooms, totaled exactly 26, leaving him two rooms short in the elementary department and two more in the high school.

Since that time, the county board of education has obtained permission to use the former county home for two more classrooms and the contractor for the school additions here is doing everything possible to complete construction of a small structure to provide two classrooms by Sep tember 3rd, when the schools open. If everything works out right, the schools will at least open, but there will be no room for any further growth in the foreseeable future.

The local schools have earned two additional teachers as a result of the decreased teacher load authorized by the state depart-ment and increased average daily attendance last term. There will be 21 teachers in the elementary department, 20 for grade sections and one public-school music teacher. There are nine high school teachers, eight for grade sections and one for the home economics department.

Classrooms in use last year in- firms cluded six at the old Hampton Building three at the former county one, and three in the basement at the high school building. All these will be in use when school opens next month, as well as the two added rooms at the county home and two in

building now under construction. be three sections of each of the first four grades during the coming term, two sections each of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth ed by the State Department of Public Instruction to be too small to carry on an adequate program of instruction. The order passed of instruction. The order passed of instruction in the program of instruction. The order passed of the four high-school grades, and two sections in each over the age of 16 who wishes to sign his name and address and large transfer or the noon grades; and two sections in each over the age of 16 who wishes to sign his name and address and large transfer or the noon grades; and two sections in each over the age of 16 who wishes to sign his name and address and two sections in each of the four high-school grades; and two sections in each of the four high-school grades. extra teachers, including physical | drop into the box. The tickets are education, public school music and band, home economics and obligation to buy anything. the principal.

Last term's total enrollment was 931, membership was 867, and average daily attendance was 825. The local principal expects the enrollment figure to at 2:30 o'clock the box of tickets climb above the 1,000 mark dur- will be well shuffled and a ticket Price About \$4 Higher Than ing the early days of the new term. It is expected that the senis in the crowd he will be asked ior class in high school will have a minimum enrollment of 46 at determining just what percentage

> dustrial arts building, now under construction, the foundation has been poured for an addition containing 11 classrooms. This of the present high school annex. These structures, when completed, with the gymnasium and principal's home, take up practically the entire high school lot, and playground space will be at a premium. Unless additional space can be secured in the immediate future, there will not even be room to park the school

busses while school is in session Despite the crowded outlook, Mr. Fleming said it was expected the local school would open September 3rd with a full comple ment of teachers, and every effort will be made to make the

Services Sunday For Moore Infant

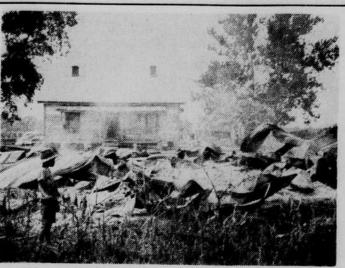
from Saints Delight Christian Church Sunday for Joseph Howard Moore, jr., two-months-old son of Joseph H. Moore and Sybil at 5:25 o'clock at an Orlando hos-

Surviving are the parents; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Woodley, of near Roper; an aunt, Miss Jo Ann election.

easy for military personnel who want to vote in this fall's general election.

lif the service ble to register

LIGHTNING STARTS FIRE; DESTROYS PACKHOUSE



This is all that was left of a pack barn on the Dr. White farm, just east of the Plymouth city limits, after it was struck by lightning and destroyed by fire during an electrical storm Wednesday night of last week. The farm is under lease to J. Linwood Knowles, who had three curings of tobacco, a quantity of hay, and numerous small farming implements in the packhouse when it was destroyed. The loss is estimated to exceed \$3,000. Local volunteer firemen managed to save the torust her. volunteer firemen managed to save the tenant house just across the road in the background.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

First Draw for Trade Prizes Here Saturday

For Silver Harvest Day Event, But Interest Said Mounting

Interest is retportedly mounting s the time approaches for the first prize drawing in the Silver Harvest Day trade promotion being sponsored in Plymouth by 37

The first drawing is slated to be held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday of this week. The place—in front of the City Market on Water Street. Registration for the first draw-

ing began Friday of last week but most participating merchants the band and industrial arts building now under construction. Mr. Fleming said there would pected, however, that interest

Receptacles are displayed in the stores of all member firms and

Saturday, the boxes from the various stores will be emptied in of money he will receive out of In addition to the band and in- the treasure chest established by

the participating merchants. If the person whose ticket is drawn is not present someone else will be permitted to draw will be added at the south end a token for him and the two will split the winnings 50-50, according to the rules of the event.

Many merchants declared this week that they find it necessary to explain to a large percentage of their customers how the conwith Silver Harvest Day and explanations will be no longer

day. Drawings will be held each week thereafter so long as the event is sponsored here.

No Fire Alarms Turned In Here in Past Week

No alarms were turned in here Volunteer Fire Department officials reported.

Tax Collections In July Record

The month of July was a record-breaker for the collection of town of Plymouth taxes, it was learned yesterday from P. W. Brown, chief of police and tax collector. More than \$30,000 was collected from all sources, as against about \$24,-000 in July of last year, the previous high.

A sizeable proportion of last month's collections was ac-counted for by the \$28,000 worth of 1952 taxes, on which a 2 per cent discount was allowed during July. About \$1,-100 was collected on the 1951 levy, with the remainder being for license taxes and other mis-cellaneous levies.

Light Receipts of Bell Peppers Here

ly Harvestings from Con- month. tracted Acreage in This leave September 11 for examina-County and Pitt

Small quantities of Bell pep-pers have begun to trickle in at the Lang Pickle plant on Brinkley Avenue, C. W. Dinkins, plant manager, reported late yesterday. The Plymouth plant is the receiving station for peppers produced on 120 acres in Pitt and Washington Counties. There are 40 acres planted to the crop in this county. It is the first time that peppers have been contractof their customers how the con-test works, but it is hoped that after the first few drawings the growers who have planted after the first few drawings the growers who have also new at the game. Mr. Dinkins reports, however

that the crop is pretty, especially Following the drawing Saturday, everyone eligible will be free to register for the next drawing peppers.

Some other farmers who are P. W. Brown. growing peppers this year in the county are Eli Phelps, jr., Floyd Asby, Richard Sutton, E. G. Arps, James H. Ward and Melvin Tet-

The peppers are used in mak-(See PEPPERS Page 7)

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> Total Estimated Damages to Four Autos Involved in Three Recent Accidents Of \$1,150

> An estimated \$1,150 damage reulted from three highway accidents which happened in this county during the past several

pened Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock on N. C. Highway 94 at Kilkenny. A. 1947 Dodge 4-door edan was damaged to top and sides approximately \$500 when it turned over after the driver, Cedric Arthur White, of Bath, fell asleep at the wheel.

The car was traveling south on the highway when it went out of control. The car hit a roadside ditch on a sharp curve and rolled over. White received cuts on his right arm and was carried to a

Columbia hospital for treatment. State Highway Patrolman J. E. Morton, of Roper, investigated the accident and stated that there was no evidence of high speed.

No arrest was made.

The left rear fender of a 1941
Ford belonging to Walter Edison Knowles, of Roper, was damaged to the extent of about \$50 in a wreck Tuesday on U. S. Highway 64 a mile east of Roper. The car was driven by Walter Edison Knowles, jr. It collided with a 1940 Ford driven by Thomas Elborne Gaylord, also of Roper, and owned by Gerald G. Gaylord.

Patrolman Carl Gilebrist of

Patrolman Carl Gilchrist, of Plymouth, reported that it was raining hard at the time of the accident and that visibility was poor. Both drivers were charged with operating a motor vehicle to the left of the center line. Damage to the front of the 1940 Ford was placed at \$150.

Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock a 1941 Nash going north on the Piney Woods Road over-turned and did about \$450 damage to the top and sides. The driver, Hal Eugene Moore, colored, of Plymouth, told Patrolman Gilchrist that the coil spring at he left rear of the car dropped off and caused him to lose control of the machine.

Moore was unhurt and no arrest was made.

Get Call for 27 Men Next Month

Washington County will not have an induction call in Sep tember, the local selective board was notified this week, but 27 registrants will be called for pre-As Season Begins induction examination on Thursday, September 11. September Lang Pickle Plant Gets Ear- are to be sent during the current without an induction call, as none

One-half of the group called to tion will be composed of men previously rejected. They are now in 4-F, but are subject to reexamination under a directive issued earlier this year. However, very few of those reexamined have passed on their second trip to the reception center.

A special bus will be chartered o take the 27 men to be called. They will report to the office of the local draft board in time to leave at 8 a. m., on September 11 for the reception center at Raleigh.

New Sewer Lines Installed Recently by Town Workmen

The town of Plymouth street force has been busy this week laying some new sewer lines. An to register for the next drawing has the largest acreage devoted the veterans building to Peacock 3-inch line was put down from to the crop, with four acres of Swamp, a distance of about 1.100 feet, according to Chief of Police

A small storm-sewer line was taken up and replaced with 36inch pipe in the vicinity of the old union station. This line handes much of the water from the Brinkley Avenue section, and it during the past week, Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department offiend the flooded conditions that have prevailed in that area after

woodley Moore, of Orlando, Fla. The child died Friday morning The child died Friday morning to 5:25 clock at an Orlando has

North Carolina has made things of their immediate family can ap- Carolina has gone farther than a

and women can use to register persons in the military forces vot- contest the law.

oly for them.

If the service people are eligistrict interpretation of the Constitution would permit in its laws election.

Secretary Raymond Maxwell ble to register and vote, their application will serve to get them The Constitution indicates that Woodley, of Raleigh; three uncles, A. B. Woodley, of Washington, D. C., M. W. Woodley, of Union City, Pa., and W. O. Woodley, of Vides three methods service men City, Pa., and W. O. Woodley, of Vides three methods service men Cap. use to register persons in the military forces and the content of the State Board of Elections on the registration book even if they are not registered.

Maxwell said several thousand when they register, but Maxwell said he doubted if anyone would recommend to the content of the conte

The Pamlico District takes in the afternoon tour.

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Plymouth was host to a regular quarterly meeting of the Pamlico District in August of last year, and vote.

Services were conducted by the cent support, 66 cents; good lemon primings, 56-cent support, 59 the Ludford Memorial Baptist to 70 cents; nondescript, 17-cent to 70 cents; nondescript, 17 ty board of elections or members In fact, added Maxwell, North service men," said Maxwell.

Soil Conservation Meet Here Today E. H. Liverman, Carl Heynen | ant and in the afternoon will go | the meeting and participate in

and Hoyt Davenport, Washington on a tour of the Test Farm near the tour. County supervisors of the Pamlihere and also a group of Dismal A native of Washington County, Herbert D. Bateman, will be co Soil Conservation District, are hosts today (Thursday) to the E. H. Liverman, Edward L. Mr. Bateman, who now lives in regular quarterly meeting of the Owens and Tom Harrison.

ture Building here, where the regular business session is being the counties of Washington, Tyr-

lunch at the Mayflower Restaur- counties are expected to attend also.

Good soil practices, as carried Branch Banking & Trust Com-The meeting was scheduled to out on the various farms, will be pany, was born on one of the

open at 10 a. m. at the Agricul- observed and discussed. The group will recess for Supervisors from each of these District in August of last year,

Wilson and is president of the farms which will be included in