Chief of Police P. W. Brown proudly announced at the city meeting Monday night that he had become a grandfather for the fourth time. A son, Michael Latham Brown, was born to the chief's son and daughterin-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Brown, in Salisbury, Md., last Saturday, September 6, and Charles can't be any prouder of the event than his daddy.

T/Sgt. Henry L. Dew, who has served for the past two years with the U. S. Armed Forces in Japan, is expected home week-end, his wife reports. Mrs Dew, who is presently employerd as bookkeeper at Belk-Tyler's here, said her husband landed at Seattle, Wash., last Friday and she had a telephone conversation with him that night. Mrs. Dew is resigning at the local store and will be replaced by Mrs. Audrey Hardison. The Dews have three ildren, two boys and a girl.

Mrs. Jerry Hayes, of Plymouth, was the winner in the Silver Harvest Day drawing held on Water Street last Saturday. Mrs. Hayes' name was called, she was present and drew forth a 20token entitling her to 20 per cent of the money in the Treasure Chest. The ticket was good for \$53. The jackpot for Saturday's regular weekly drawing has been announced as \$287. It is possible for some lucky person to win up to half this amount.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. F. Hopkins returned home late Sunday after a five-day stay in Baltimore, Md., where they attended the funeral of Mr. Hopkin's mother, Mrs. Harry S. Brown.

Sgt. Ernest J. Hardison has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hardison, of Plymouth, for the past month. He was in Korea for 11 months serving with the 73rd Heavy Tank Battalion. Sgt. Hardison will leave Friday of this week for reassign-ment at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Councilmen Percy R. Ashby, of the first ward, was the only absentee at the city council meeting Monday night, but he had a Man Passes Away

Mother of Local day included Mrs. T. W. Tarkington, Roper; Mrs. David Jones, Mrs. R. A. Duvall, Mrs. M. F. Phillips and Miss Elizabeth Wood, county health nurse. Marine Corps Reserve, Percy is at Little Creek, Va., for his two weeks' annual training tour. He left last week-end and is expect- Tuesday of his mother, Mrs. Hared to return home the latter part ry S. Brown, of Baltimore.

Jack Owens is visiting his mother, Mrs. C. D. Bratten, here after spending the summer in left immediately for Baltiman's Club for preparing and residence at the New Jersey more, by automobile. copal Theological Seminary, at the Rev. W. E. Reid, Methodist Alexandria, Va.

Group Registrants

A group of Washington County Hurtt and Mrs. Rebecca Wiggs, for the visit. men left this morning to receive both of New Bern, and Mrs. J. W. pre-induction examinations at Warr, of Hamlet; a brother, L. K. the reception center in Raleigh. Gautier, of Maryland; and four Important Meet They traveled by special bus, due grandchildren. to the size of the call, and are sometime tonight.

Names of those making the trip were not learned, as new regula-tions prohibit publication of tions prohibit publication of names of those called for pre-in-Washington County are now comwere to come from the list of county, said yesterday. those who had been previously Late additions and changes inrejected for failure to pass mental clude the following:

October 22. This is the largest in- Creswell; board since it was reactivated bury, replaces Inez Louis Ralph, ed for the night of Wednesday, over two years ago. The county resigned, as public school music September 17, at the local ball or one or two men.

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"SEE—IT DOESN'T HURT EVEN A LITTLE BIT"



That's what Dr. E. W. Furgurson was saying as he put on his coat after donating a pint of blood to the bloodmobile unit at the veterans' building here last Friday. Father Thomas A. Williams, of Columbia, is at the table before making his donation, and an unidentified lady (left) is next in line. Volunteer assistants in the background are Mrs. Ross Ayers Wood and Mrs. J. S. Fleming, while Mrs. Virginia Hart (back to camera) is taking blood pressures.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Bloodmobile Quota Is Surpassed Friday

Optimism of local blood bank

when a total of 151 pints of blood

Red Cross bloodmobile unit from

Also, the splendid record com-

piled in this county on the many

visits of the bloodmobile since the

program's inauguration in De-

cember, 1950, was kept intact.

Chairman of the volunteer

services for the visit was Mrs.

Other volunteer workers in

clude Mrs. R. M. Allen, jr., Mrs

have donated on three and four

previous trips of the bloodmo-

A complete list of such donors

bile to the county, it was said.

soon, it was promised.

it is announced.

bership is urged.

was said.

The Donkey baseball game to be sponsored by the Legion Post

The baseball game is advertis-

evening, September 27. Proceeds

from both entertainments will go

to the building fund of the club

promptly at eight o'clock and

full attendance of the post mem-

Painfully Burned While

Friday's meeting is set to open

At Work Here Tuesday

W. R. Collins, of Plymouth.

Center, Norfolk, Va.

ers were elated.

Democrats Set District Meet

Washington. — Congressman Herbert C. Bonner said this week that Martin will be host county for the First Congress-ional District Democratic Rally this year. The rally will be held in the new Robersonville High School gymnasium at 5 o'clock on the afternoon of Thursday, October 23.

There will be a band concert, speeches by state candidates as well as by district candidates. Later a barbecue supper will be served. The Representative predicted that due to the great interest in the coming national election this would be the largest rally ever held in the First Congressional District.

Thos. F. Hopkins, of Plymouth.

Mrs. Brown, 56, passed away at 2:10 o'clock Tuesday morning James H. Ward.

State Hospital, Trenton, studying clinical psychology, and prior to his return to his studies at Epistre Trenton to his studies at Epistre Tre minister of that city, officiating.

Interment followed at East Balti-

more Cemetery.
Surviving besides her son here are her husband, Harry S. Brown, Leave for Exams of Baltimore; a daughter, Mrs. Joseph Shanahan, also of Baltimore; three sisters, Mrs. D. W.

scheduled to return to Plymouth Teacher Lists Complete At All County Schools

duction. However, it is known the call was for 27 men, half of whom ent of public instructions for the week at the Veterans Club here,

Mrs. W. Blount Rodman, of and Bosie Bateman Post of the The local draft board has re- Plymouth, to teach the 7th grade Veterans of Foreign Wars, and ceived a call for eight men to re- at Roper; Mrs. B. E. Bingham, of the forthcoming dance will be port for induction on Wednesday, Roper, to teach the 5th grade at important items for discussion, it

duction call to be received by the Raymond R. Purnell, of Sun-

has few calls this year, mostly and social studies teacher at park, and the dance will be held or one or two men. No Parking on Part

Washington Street

Parking on both sides of Wash- tempt will be made to enforce ington Street, from Fourth Street it until the signs can be erected, to the ACL tracks, will be illegal as soon as signs now on order to a fine of \$5 for every offense.

Mayor Riddle said. Under its provisions violators will be subject to a fine of \$5 for every offense.

Rt. 1, was back on duty at Manare delivered and installed, it was stated at the city council meeting permitted on the east side of the terday after treatment for pain-Monday night. An ordinance to street only. Washington Street ful injuries suffered while on the this effect was ordered drawn narrows just beyond the Fourth job Tuesday afternoon. up at the council meeting in August. Town Attorney W. L. Whit-traffic has difficulty moving both lighting a gas furnace on the ley presented the ordinance and ways when cars are parked on radiator vat at the shop when gas

at the meeting this week.

was entered into the minutes one side. For that reason the blew back and burned the right

County Board Is Held on Monday

Busy Session of

Commissioners Vote Unanimously To Borrow \$18,-000 from State Literary Fund for Schools

The Washington County Board of Commissioners held a busy session here Monday at the courtlouse, taking up several important road matters, letting a furnace contract, drawing jurors for October court, and hearing the usual reports.

Present for the session, postooned a week because of the La-bor Day holiday, were Chairman Frank Brinkley, of Plymouth; H. W. Pritchett, of Creswell; J. C. Knowles, of Roper; H. L. Davenport, of Skinnersville; and A. R. atham, of Plymouth.

The board entered into a conract with Alton Pinkham, local plumber, for the latter to tear down the old coal-fired furnace in the courthouse building and replace it with an oil-fired furnace, together with all pipes and "ittings—a "turn key" job, it was

Total of 151 Pints Secured By Red Cross Bloodmogated and corrected the following bile Unit at Veterans Club

road troubles:

1. A road known as "Woodland Road," starting at railroad and going east, about a mile of which small Son of Mr. and Mrs. is not properly tiled and drained, it was said; 2. From Saint's Delight Church on to the W. C. leaders was proved well-founded here Friday at the Veterans Club Davenport farm, a road known as the "Walker Wood Road," lack of was secured from donors by a drainage; 3. Lack of drainage on the Holly Neck Road leading to the Tidewater Regional Blood Jim Warren Furlough's farm; 4. About a mile above the Macedon-The quota, recently lowered is settlement near Roper and from 150 to 120 pints, thus was from Highway 64 leading east on ia settlement near Roper and old son, Eddie. handsomely surpassed and bloodthe north side of the highway to Skinner Canal adjoining the state mobile personnel and local leadfarm.

The board endorsed a petition for the state to take over and maintain a certain road running parallel to 'C' Canal near Wenona and ending at Highway 99, leading from Highway 32 to Pantego, a distance of five miles along 'C' Canal.

Jurors for the October term of See COUNTY BOARD, Page 5

PTA Will Hold First Meeting Next Tuesday highway.

The Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association will hold its first meeting of the new school term next Tuesday evening at the high next Tue J. S. Fleming, Mrs. Ross Ayers Wood, Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. E. H. Lloyd, Mrs. J. S. Shugar, Mrs. W. R. Klass, jr., and Mrs. school, Mrs. Ben Ganderson, pubthanks are due the Plymouth Woman's Club for preparing and serving delicious refreshments to son said All months. Gandertive members and other interest-Included among those who gave

blood were many persons who Local Church Group Will

will be available for publication Presbyterian Church leaders to find no sign of injury. Bloodmobile personnel expressed themselves as highly pleased with the club as a location site morning worship service here and no injury was discovered

Also, a change in place of meet- even bruised. ing has been announced by the Damage to the new Mercury Of Post Friday An important business meeting

SCENE AT PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL AS NEW TERM BEGINS



Local high school students "break for home" shortly after the final gong on the second day of the new school year. Main entrance to the high school building is shown, along with an angle shot of the annex, and one of several bicycle racks is on the right. All county schools began the new term on Wednesday of last week, with enrollment at a new high figure. At the end of the third day, there were 36 more students in high school here than on the same day a year ago.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Brush With Death

Lewis Price Escapes Injury When Thrown From Car in Highway Wreck

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Price, of the well-being of their two-year-The lad had a close brush with

death Sunday and miraculously scaped injury; the parents don't know whether to thank their lucky ars, the boy's, or both. Mr. and Mrs. Price and Eddie

were on their way from Suffolk, Va., to Portsmouth with Mrs. Price driving the family car-a 1952 Mercury newly purchasedand Eddie asleep on the back seat. They were on U.S. 17 between

Suffolk and Norfolk and approaching an intersection. Mrs. Price slowed down for the stoplight ahead, preparing to make a left turn onto the Portsmouth

The car directly behind the

thrown out of the car. Traffic 208 last year. The local elemened school patrons are urged to both ways halted. The little fellow got to his feet and went around in circles, dazed by the impact. The parents were sur-Hear Greenville Minister prised that he was able to get to 3 pupils, but the elementary dehis feet, but even more surprised

here have announced that Dr. J. Later, after the Price family W. Hassell, of Greenville, will be had returned to Plymouth, the the guest speaker at the regular boy was examined by Dr. Bray Mrs. Price says the child is not

group. The Presbyterians have no was estimated at \$250 and to the church building in Plymouth and front of the other car-a 1950 have been using the old Legion Buick sedan-a like amount. The Hall on Water Street for their driver of the Buick, a Richmond, meetings. The meeting place Va., man, admitted he was at Sunday wil be the auditorium of the Agriculture Building on factory adjustment. The investi-Adams Street. Time of the morn- gating patrolman made no arrest, ing worship service is 11 o'clock. citing in his report the slippery The public is cordially invited. condition of the highway.

883 323 480

600

675 208

373 123

12 12 50

477 123

456

207

1,269 417 1,686

84

84

60

1,140 267 1,407

Ele. H.S. Total

1,266 457 1,723

99

88

49

1,157 236 1,393

561

670 244 243 80 353 133

462

485

210

The clerk to the board, J. Robert Campbell, was instructed to write to W. Guy Hargett, of Richlands, a state highway commissioner, asking to have investi Son of Plymouth Couple Has Close Enrollment Increase Is Shown by Schools Couple Has Close Is Shown by Schools

est Increase Shown by Local White High School

At the end of the third day of the new term, a total of 3,116 Plymouth, are really thankful for the well-being of their two-year-Washington County schools, it was learned Monday from County Superintendent R. F. Lowry. Total enrollment is 23 larger than on the same day last year, but the increase is somewhat less than expected by school authori-

> Enrollment was up at the three white schools in the county, while a loss was shown by the colored schools, which included a number of small units. This reflects a trend that has been followed in the county for the past three school years.

The county had its largest 1891. total enrollment for the first three days at the start of the 1950-51 term, when 3,130 children were enrolled, agains 3,116

Most of the increase in enrollment this year over last year came in the high school department of the Plymouth white schools, which was up to 244 from tary school showed a drop of pupils, leaving the Plymouth schools with a net increase of 31 pupils. Roper High School lost partment there gained three leaving the total enrollment exactly the same as last year 323. Creswell gained 7 in the high school and lost 1 in the elementary department, leaving a net gain of 6, and a total increase of

37 for all the white schools in the county. Wide variations were shown in figures from the colored schools. J. J. Clemmons school at Roper had a gain of 21, including 4 in the high school, and Sound Side gained 31, while all other colored schools showed losses. The Plymschool in the Plymouth district **Enrollment in Schools** year, some of the pupils being

The table below shows the enrollment in all Washington County schools at the end of the third day for the school years of 1951-52 and 1953. It gives the number of pupils enrolled, by schools, for elementary and high school departments, as well as totals for schools, races, school districts and the grand totals for the county.

Some to Roper, partially accounting for the increased elementary enrollment here and at Roper.

As of last Friday, white schools in the county had a total enrollin the county had a total enroll- of Dr. T. L. Bray and, although ment of 7,823, of which 457 was in high schools and 1,266 were in the elementary departments. Colored schools had a total enrollment of 1,393, with 236 in the high schools and 1,157 in elementary departments. Total enroll-ment was 3,116, divided 693 in high schools and 2,423 in elementary departments. A table is pubished on this page, comparing the enrollment, by schools, for the current term with that of a

transported to Plymouth and

No Meeting of Education

No meeting of the Washington County Board of Education has been held thus far in September and County School Superintendent Roy F. Lowry said yesterday that possibly no meeting will be

23 More Registered Third Day of New Term; Larg-

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon of this week at three o'clock for Mrs. Mary Ausbon Brown, 61, of Plymouth. Services will be conducted at Plymouth Methodist Church, of when the machine is used on vawhich she was a member. Officiating will be her pastor, the Rev. D. L. Fouts, assisted by the Rev.

E. M. Spruill, refer of Grace

Episcopal Church perc.

Control of Rev.

Droperty owner's tax bill.

An appeal was grandesignate one block on Je

Mrs. Brown died Tuesday af-ternoon at 5:45 o'clock at the Washington County Hospital after an illness of two months.

She was a native and lifelong resident of the county, daughter of the late William Mizell Ausbon and Mary Tarkington Ausbon. She was born August 25,

Mrs. Brown was married in Mrs. Brown was married in on the block. It was stated that Elizabeth City May 12, 1912, to some grown person would super-John S. Brown, of Plymouth, who survives.

Other survivors include three sons, Hugh Brown and Joe Brown, both of Plymouth, and Brownie Brown, of Burlington; a daughter, Mary Ausbon Brown, of the home; a brother, Roland Ausbon of Kittrell; a half-sister, Mrs Esther Lane, of Hertford; and three grandchildren. Interment will be in the Methodist Church Cemetery.

Young Skater Is

No doubt Frank Bickerstaff, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bicker-staff, of Plymouth, figures he can't win. Already, in the past outh Township. twelve months young Frank has suffered a broken finger on his right hand, later a broken right

hand, then an appendectomy. ace of getting run over to boot. W. S. Hardison. outh colored schools lost 24 from the high school but gained 17 in around eight o'clock while he and Belch, Norman L. Spruill, L. A. the elementary department, for a net loss of 7. The Deep Bottom on Jefferson Street near his A Everett Williams A Everett Willi ing on Jefferson Street near his A. Everett, William Marriner, home. A bolt on one of his skates Ronda Lee Davenport has been discontinued since last gave way causing him a hard fall to the pavement. An oncoming Hufton, Heber Alligood, Russell car swerved just in time to avoid Swain, Paul Tarkenton. striking the prostrate boy, thanks to the frantic screams of the other skaters.

improving satisfactorily

Section Jefferson Street Set Aside For Skating Area

Action Taken at Council Meeting Monday Night; Variety of Other Matters Given Consideration

Plymouth town councilmen onsidered a number of matters at their postponed meeting Monday night and wound up with a lengthy discussion of the audit report, the session lasting until around 10 o'clock. The regular first Monday meeting fell on Labor Day this month, which was the reason it was postponed for one week. Mayor A. J. Riddle presided and five council members were present: E. D. Keel, of the first ward; H. H. Allen and Ralph Hunter, of the second ward; J. A. Holbrook and W. J. Weaver, of the third ward.

George Aycock, representing a Belhaven firm, sought an order or a 'bush and weed hog" demonstrated to the mayor and some councilmen recently. He said it ould be used in clearing off vacant lots, a matter which has been giving local officials con-siderable trouble for some time. Price of the outfit was quoted at \$1,560 for the tractor and \$410 or the "hog," less 5% for a municipality.

Mayor A. J. Riddle recommended purchase of the outfit, but councilmen decided to call for bids, since there are several making the equipment. Mowing machines generally are not satisfac-For Mrs. Brown tory on vacant lots here, as scrap iron and other obstructions cause trouble. According to those who saw the weed and bush hog demonstrated, it should be just the thing, as it is not subject to breakage as easily as a mowing cant lots that need cleaning, cost of the work will be added to the

An appeal was granted to designate one block on Jefferson Street, between Fort Williams and Brinkley Avenue, as a skat-ing area for children between 6:30 and 8:30 p. m. each night. Signs are to be placed in the street at each end of the block during the skating period, warning motorists to be careful of the skaters. The request was made by Henry Hardison, supported by a petition signed by all residents

See TOWN COUNCIL, Page 10

Court Term Here

The Washington County Board of Commissioners drew the jury list for the October term of Superior Court here at their meetng Monday at the courthouse.

The list is made up of the names of 30 county citizens, 14 Hurt on Monday

of them from Plymouth Township. Seven are from Lees Mill Township and four from Skinnersville Township

The name of just one woman was drawn, a resident of Plym-

The jury list follows:

uffered a broken finger on his ight hand, later a broken right and, then an appendectomy.

Now, to "cap the climax," as G. Smith, Mrs. J. C. Smith, T. H. they say, the youngster comes up whitley, James H. Styons, H. J. with a broken right clavicle (col-Bateman, Tim L. Warren, James larbone). And he came within an E. Hardison, Hallet W. Everett,

Skinnersville Township: C. S.

Scuppernong Township: Sylvester Ambrose, William I. Ambrose, Jennings M. Davenport, W. Frank was treated at the office H. Stillman, R. A. Gibbs.

The court, a one-week civil in considerable pain, is reported term, will convene here Monday,

Enters \$100,000 Suit **Against Town Roper**

It is understood that a suit for | dent which occurred on the pub-Court at Washington against the mayor and city councilmen of mayor and city councilmen of ert Sawyer, of Roper, inflicted Board Yet Held This Month Roper, both as a group and in- actual injury as well as causing dividually.

said, by Dr. William Davis Butts, on the streets at Roper. Newport News, Va., Negro at-

The suit arises out of an inci- said.

\$100,000 actual and punitive dam- lic streets of Roper during the ages has been filed in Federal time the school suit was pending. the complainant mental anguish The action was brought, it is by an assault with a blackjack

Sawyer, at the time of the intorney who was active in the re-cent Washington County school to arrest Butts for blocking trafsuit on the side of a group of fic, but no arrest was made, and no warrant ever drawn, it was

council decided to eliminate side of his face and head and his held until the first Monday in intervenors at Creswell. 2,409 684 3,093 2,423 693 3,116 The new ordinance is effective parking altogether on the narrow right hand. He was treated at the entember 8. However, no at-portion as a safety measure. Plymouth Clinic and released. Grand Total September 8. However, no at- portion as a safety measure. * Consolidated with Plymouth and Roper schools this term.

White Schools

Total, White

Colored Schools

*Deep Bottom

J. J. Clemmons

Macedonia Mount Delane

Total, District 1

Total, District 2

Total Colored

Plymouth

Morrattock

Brooks

Plymouth ...