Miss Becky Gaylord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wig Gaylord, of Roper, attended the 4-H Farm and Home Electric meeting held in Charlotte Sunday through Tuesday of this week. Becky is the county winner in the electric contest sponsored by Virginia Electric and Power Company. Each county winner in the state is given a free trip and entertained by the various electric power companies serving the

A program is being recorded at Creswell Thursday by the Creswell 4-H Club to be broadcast later in the week. Details of the program will be announced by the sponsors.

Plymouth business houses remained closed to business during the funeral hour Wednesday afternoon in deference to the family and out of respect to the deceased, Edison Davenport, Mr. Davenport had been prominent in the mercantile business here for many years.

Wednesday's rain here offered another setback to peanut growers hereabouts who have not yet picked off their crop. In some places, peanut pickers and hay balers had already been moved into the fields in anticipation of resuming the task. Now farmers will be looking anxiously for some cold, clear weather favorable for winding up the thresh-

Christmas Saving Club checks were mailed out by the local bank this week, and yesterday a local man asked Nyal Womble if he had gotten his check yet. Womble, who is more or less notorious about the amount of attention he pays to his mail, snapped his fingers and said, "By golly, that is what is in that envelope from the bank. I thought they were just returning another bum check somebody had stuck me with and didn't open it." He rushed to his desk, unearthed the envelope from a pile of mail three feet high and, sure enough, it was his Christmas Club check

### Seven Per Cent Population Rise In This County

For 53rd Place Among State's Counties

Washington County stands in a three-way tie with Martin and Moore Counties for 53rd place among the 100 counties of North Carolina in per cent of increase in total population from 1940 to

Washington County, least populous of the three, was listed with a total population of 13,180 persons according to the 1950 census. This figure represents a population increase of even seven per cent during the decade.

A table showing the population change for the ten-year period in the counties of the state was made public recently in the University of North Carolina News Letter. It was prepared for the Institute for Research in Social Science by S. H. Hobbs, jr., and Albert Lovejoy.

county is urban and that for the ten-year period there was a decrease of 29.4 per cent in the rural or farm population.

The highest percentage of population increase among the coun- at 7:30 o'clock. ties of the state from 1940 to 1950 was registred by Onslow County with 134.4 per cent mark. This ice, will be the speaker. Mr. Las- of October. was largely attributable to the siter is the state supervisor ashuge U. S. Marine installation at signed to this district.

percentage of 18.5. Tyrrell Coun-

Plymouth Lions Club.

## THE ROANOKE BEACON

AND WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS

Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, November 20, 1952

to the service of Washington County and its 13,000 people.

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SINCLAIR 'CAPACITY DAY' TROPHY PRESENTED AT BANQUET

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The above group picture was taken at the banquet given recently for Sinclair dealers in this vicinity at Saleeby's Restaurant in Washington. James Hardison, operator of Golf Road Service Station, Plymouth, and winner of the recent Sinclair Capacity Day by virtue of top sales increase, is shown holding the trophy emblematic of his victory and which was presented to him at the banquet. Others in the picture, reading from left to right, are: W. O. Allen, J. W. Allen, Jackie Baker, Mayo Modlin, Clarence Waters, C. O. Kelly, W. C. Hall, Luke Daniels, P. B. Bateman and Gilmer W. Ayers.—Photo by Weaver's Studio,

Open Season Same as Last

Unchanged

of this week.

Year; No "Lay" Days;

For many hunters in this sec-

tion the "real" hunting season

will begin on Thanksgiving Day

lawful to go after quail, turkeys

and rabbits. The season opened

on migratory wildfowl Monday

Bag limits are the same as last

ear. The daily limit on quail is

3, with a possession limit of 16,

and a season limit of 100. For

wild turkeys (toms) the daily bag

limit is one, possession limit of

The daily bag limit on rabbits

s five, possession limit is ten,

Again, there will be no "lay"

ays during the open season.

and rabbits expires, as last year, on January 31. The migratory

wildfowl season closes on Janu

A 564 acre allotment increase

night by the United States De-

Possibly reflecting the nearness

According to figures released

taken in at the Creswell store.

partment of Agriculture.

increase.

two and season limit of three.

and season limit, 75.

-November 27-when it becomes

### Bird Season Opens On November 27th

### Soy Beans Said Good This Year

The soy bean harvesting in Washington County has been going at full blast with the recent favorable stretch of weather and Buyer R. W. Johnson, of Plymouth, reports that buying has been quite heavy. The crop is reported good, although yields are not quite up to those of the previous crop. An average yield of about two or three bushels per acre less than last year is predicted.

Prices for the beans have remained steady so far this buy-ing season at \$2.60 per bushel delivered at Plymouth, Mr. Johnson said. This is about the same price that was paid a year ago. Two years ago, the price ranged from a low of \$2.35 a bushel up to \$3.00.

### Washington County in Tie With Moore and Martin For 53rd Plant At Womans Clubs Acreage Increase

Plymouth Artist W. Frith Winslow addressed the Williamston Woman's Club Tuesday night on the subject "Art in the Community." He also showed a number of his oils, pastels and watercolors as well as some of his stu-

Mr. Winslow presented the same subject before the Aulander Woman's Club last week and acres for the state, as compared showed a number of his paintings with the 1952 acreage of 175,429. through a temporary bridge over along with some of the work done by students in his Windsor class.

The Windsor students of Mr. Winslow had an exhibit of their farms. The figures for this state for the highway commission on work at the Bertie County Fair were in the same general proportine project. which closed last Saturday at tions as the national allotments

### County Unit of NCEA Meets at Roper Tonight 678,481 acres.

A meeting of the Washington The study showed that 34 per County unit of the North Carocent of the population of the lina Education Association will County unit of the North Carobe held Thursday of this week Whiskey Sales at County in the Roper High School auditorium, County Superintendent of Schools R. F. Lowry has announced. The meeting will begin

> the division of instructional serv- were up somewhat for the month Officers of the county unit of Plymouth store, sales for the

At the bottom of the list was the NCEA are H. F. Brown, of month amounted to \$19,394.65. Of Swain County with a decrease Roper, president; Mrs. Gale W. this amount, \$17,416.35 represent-Lucas, of Plymouth, vice presi- ed sales in the Plymouth store, y stands 97th with a decrease of dent; and Mrs. B. E. Bingham, of and \$1,978.30 in total sales was

### Beacon To Be Out Day Early

The Roanoke Beacon will be published on Wednesday of next week, one day ahead of the usual schedule. It will be Bag Limit Also Remain necessary for correspondents to mail their material so that it will reach the office on or before Monday in order to insure publication.

Those sending in church anneuncements and advertising copy also are requested to have copy in the office not later than Monday. Due to observance of the Thanksgiving holiday by postal workers. The Beacon, although printed a day early, will not go out on the rural routes until Friday, the usual

Friday morning.

### Interest Here in The season on quail, turkeys

There is considerable interest volving J. Milton Clagon, former For Peanut Crop Plymouth merchant and Washington County commissioner whose home is at Roper.

Clagon, a State highway infor the 1953 peanut crop in North Carolina was announced Monday for a Charlotte contractor, on a manslaughter charge growing out of the death of a Norfolk, Va The acreage allotment for next truck driver, Ernest C. Conner year's crop was set at 175,993 A tractor-trailer truck which Conner was operating broke It was said that one half of one the Roanoke River near Scotland per cent of the 1953 allotment Neck May 17, 1951, and Conner would be held in reserve for new drowned.

Windsor. The paintings were very for the two years. The national Harvey H. Stewart, were dismiss peanut acreage this year was 1.-673,102 and for the 1953 crop the held that Stewart only followed allotment has been placed at 1,- specifications laid down by the It is expected that Washington responsible for the bridge col-County will get its proportionate

> S. Thompson, Plymouth mer-chant, in the clothing business ABC Store Up in October ommissioners.

### of the holiday season, liquor sales of the holiday season, liquor sales in the county's two ABC stores Worker's Council

by Manager W. C. Styons, of the

Rev. Barnette reported that he planned to go to Wilson this week to discuss with Thomas Inabinett, state director of religious education in the Christian Church,

Mrs. Barnette and Mrs. C. A. Cratch were selected to arrange the program for the special active here, there is a missing Christmas Sunday School Night that has been set for Monday.

### Workmen for the H. D. Craddock moving firm, of Creswell, apparently were observing the "no parking" sign visible on the power pole at the right of the above photo taken on Jefferson Street between Main and Third here Friday afternoon. The sign says "No Parking This Side," and the house which was being towed by truck is clearly in the middle. It was sold and moved from the property in front of Manning Motor Company here to make way for a used car lot. The building was moved all the way out to Wilson Street Extended.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

load, Two Log Trucks In-

volved in Costly Accident

Late Tuesday

at \$850.

time. The Beacon office will be closed all day Thursday, Thanksgiving, but will be open for business at the usual hour

spector, is being tried along with David Marnell Keys, of Plym-Pullen escaped injury by sliding out of the cab which was sible for his not being seriously Clagon was inspecto

mated at \$650

Pullen was charged with fol-

lowing too closely behind traf-

fic and driving with improper

In Turkey Shoot

so far to the events.

freight station.

mier and E. M. Leavitt.

Thursday and Friday, the shoot

Charges against the contractor highway commission and was not

Clagon was associated with L here from 1926 to 1929 and later served on the county board of

## Formulates Plans

Plans for the coming year were formulated by the workers' council of the First Christian Church at the regular monthly meeting of the group Tuesday night in the pastor's study. Eleven members attended.

### Escape Injury in A. Edison Davenport Dardens Wreck of Rites Held Yesterday Log Trucks, Bus

Farmers in County Urged To Hold

Peanut Crop for Full Support Price

PARKING ON NEITHER SIDE BUT STRICTLY IN THE MIDDLE

School Bus Stopped To Un-Hospital Here Following Sudden Attack Week Ago

A large crowd thronged the Mackeys Methodist Church Wed-Three drivers involved in a highway accident near here Tuesnesday afternoon at 3 o'clock to day afternoon miraculously pay last respects to Edison Davescaped injury, along with sevenport, prominent county native the three vehicles was estimated and merchant.

Mr. Davenport succumbed at 6:30 p. m. Tuned sy at the Wash-The truck happened at 4 o'clock in front of the Hosea James residence at Dardens and Hosea James residence at his home County Hospital, Plym-He suffered a stroke at his home involved a colored school bus and in Mackeys early Wednesday two log trucks, according to the report of Carl Gilchrist, highway morning of last week and was patrolman of Plymouth, who inpital here where he was placed The Martin County bus, a 1946 in an oxygen tent. Mr. Davenport Dodge, was stopped to discharge would have been 61 years of age

passengers and a log truck be-longing to E. C. Courtney, of He was born He was born in Washington Case at Windsor | longing to E. C. Courtney, of Jamesville, and operated by Vernon Eugene Courtney, came to a halt behind the bus. The second | Blount Davenport, of Mackeys here in the trial now going on in Superior Court at Windsor inof the bus. The second truck, be- Plymouth September 8, 1914, to longing to Raymond Courtney, of Miss Mary Cotten Johnston, of

Jamesville, was operated by John Plymouth, who survives. He was member of the Methodist Henry Pullen, jr., of Morehead a Church at Mackeys. Active in the management of hardware and appliance businesses in Plymouth, Mr. Davenport

was a highly respected citizen. Surviving besides his widow crushed when the log load slid are two daughters, Mrs. Margaret forward. The cab had no doors B. Sessoms, of Windsor, and Mrs. and this fact is believed respon- Mary C. Robertson, of Plymouth; a son, William S. Davenport, of injured or killed, Gilchrist said. Plymouth; a sister, Mrs. H. R. Damage to the rear of the bus Chesson, of Mackeys; three brows placed at \$50, while the front thers, W. B. Davenport and J. E. and rear of the first truck, a 1947 Davenport, both of Mackeys, and Chevrolet, were damaged ap- Dr. C. A. Davenport, of Hertproximately \$150. The other ve- ford. hicle, a 1948 Ford truck, was de-

Services were conducted by the molished and the loss was esti- Rev. D. L. Fouts, minister of the Plymouth Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. V. A. Lewis, of Roper, and the Rev. E. M. Spruill, Episcopal rector, of Plymouth. Burial was in the Davenport family cemetery at Mackeys.

### Two Winners Here Auto of Plymouth Man

Clarence Taylor, of Plymouth, Fred Keyes, chairman of the Plymouth Lions Club committee putting on the series of turkey shoots here, declared yesterday that little response had been made patrolman of Plymouth. Only two turkeys have been The accident happened at 11

shot off thus far, Mr. Keyes said. o'clock about six miles west of by those not bringing their own ty, in Lees Mill Township, and The winners were Clifford Fry-Plymouth on Highway U. S. 64. Taylor was traveling east when waterworks and bathrooms in the ty, about three and a half miles The club is again sponsoring the car ran off the pavement, Legion Hall, Commander Peal east of Plymouth, will be offered the shoot this week-end, Keyes went out of control and turned stated. Douglas Davenport is separately for sale at public said, with shoots scheduled for over. Damage to the vehicle was chairman of the turkey shoot auction at the courthouse door estimated at \$650.

Time of the sale is 11:30 a. m. Thurday night, Friday night, and Saturday afternoon and night. The range is located on the lot

# No Bookmobile

The regularly scheduled bookmobile run for Thursday of next week will not be made because of observance of Thanksgiving, Mrs. C. E. Ayers librarian at the Washington County Public Library, has an-

**Next Thursday** 

Mrs. Again desires to call attention of library patrons to the fact that the library will be closed Thursday of next week for Thanksgiving. Regular hours will be resumed Friday, it was said.

### **Gym Here Getting** Beechwood Floor

the public school system of the to share in any profits accruing to county are installing a beech- Co-op. Chances of a material wood floor in the gymnasium at profit are said good if the Co-op Plymouth High School, County handles reasonable volume Superintendent Lowry announc- peanuts. ed today

It is hoped that the job will be sanded and then two coats of extra acreage received during the penetrating sealer will be applied. The lines for the main additional acreage will be exceedand a volley ball court will be North Carolina Farm Bureau peasealer, it was said.

Efforts are being made to complete the new floor in time for the opening of the basketball

### Post Sets Turkey Shoot for Cherry

The Lake Phelps post of the American Legion is sponsoring turkey shoot Thanksgiving Day County School Property Overturns Late Monday at the post at Cherry, Bill Peal, post commander, has announced. The shoot will begin at 9 a. m.

escaped with a gashed forehead and continue until 5 o'clock in when the 1950 Mercury sedan he the afternoon, it was said. There of Education, through its attorwas driving overturned late Mon- will be a regulation range and neys, will offer for sale Saturday day night, according to the report targets, and ammunition will be of this week two pieces of school of Carl Gilchrist, State Highway furnished by the sponsors. Also, property which are no longer beit was promised that plenty of ing used guns would be available for use The Backwoods School proper-

Farm Bureau Peanut Committee Chairman Emphasizes that Growers Should Get Full Information

It has recently been brought to he attention of peanut growers in Washington County and this section that they stand to lose considerable money if they continue to sell the 1952 peanut crop at current prices offered on the open market.

A change was made this year in the operation of the government support program from that of a purchase program to a loan program much like those already

in effect for other staple crops. No mandate to the cleaners to pay support prices existing, the result is that cleaners are operating on a price schedule about one cent a pound under support price of \$231 a ton, or \$12.55 a hundred

Various farm leaders and groups have strongly recommend-ed that farmers hold their peanuts off the open market unless they are offered full support

Three alternatives to selling on the open market at prices below support are available to the farmer and reliable, impartial production and inventory figures indicate a short supply which should result in a fairer market for the producer if he will take one of the three alternative steps:

1. If producer does not need money for peanuts now and has available storage space, hold crop in own storage until at least support price is offered. If producer still has his crop in January, go to the County PMA office and sign a purchase agreement, prior to January 31, 1953, in order to be guaranteed support price after

2. If producer needs money for rop and has storage space, contact County PMA committee and obtain price support loan. This will give the producer more money than if he sells on present market. In addition, he can sell his peanuts whenever market acvances enough to justify and may pocket the difference:

3. If producer needs money and does not have storage space, call Growers Peanut Cooperative, in Franklin, Va., or County PMA committee and find location of nearest Co-op warehouse. Deliver peanuts to warehouse at 1 receive loan closely approximating Maintenance men working with current market price, plus right

It has been emphasized that should this crop continue to move completed by December 1, Mr. at less than 105 per cent of sup-Lowry said. The floors must be port price, the chances of keeping basketball court, two cross courts ingly difficult if not impossible R. V. Knight, chairman of the

floor painted with a coat of gym nut committee, urges that peanut growers get all available information before selling in order to "not be out-traded"

Some local observers place the portion of the peanut crop in this county which has already moved to market as high as 70 per cent. The bulk of the crop already sold was moved to market from the fields as rapidly as they were picked. Movement of peanuts here has been very slow since weather conditions stopped picker operations, it was said

### To Be Sold at Auction

The Washington County Board

Proceeds will be used to put the Deep Bottom School proper-

### adjoining the Atlantic Coast Line To Plan Stocking Fund Drive Friday

will begin at 7 p. m. On Saturday it is slated to start at 2 p. m. Each shot costs \$1 and the club furnishes ammunition. Guns and county organizations will county. meet Friday night of this week are also available for use to any person so desiring. The number at the Agriculture Building here of shots to get a turkey has been to perfect plans for the annual

Representatives of several town | cheer to needy families of the several church groups will at-

Other local and county civic. labor, veterans and church groups ministrative council will be reduced to 20, as announced last Empty Stocking Fund campaign. will join in the campaign. It is named to carry out the campaign. As customary for the past sev- expected that representatives The meeting will open at 8 eral seasons, the Plymouth Ro- from the various local labor un-(o'clock.

From representatives of groups present, it is expected that an ad-

ing late in October to sponsor the be named in time to meet with who are nearing the age to be- by Mr. Hardison to get the into the Lions Club activity fund. tary Club will sponsor the Empty ions, the Junior Chamber of ComKeyes urges all persons who have Stocking Fund and will spearhead merce, the local Lions Club, veting an active part in the worthy troop here. Howard Hunter, chief the scout executive here Monday come Scouts that a troop definite- Christmas tree and decorate the ly will be sponsored here and the church. The entire church will coscout executive of the East Caro- night of next week. scout executive of the East Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of Amerlina C ica, met with the club and ex- program of scouting Cub Scouts ing. gifts for others.

Jaycees Aim to Renew Scout Charter The Plymouth Junior Chamber plained the responsibilities and become eligible for membership plans for a training course for of Commerce is working to re- privileges of sponsoring a troop. in Boy Scout troops and Boy the Sunday School teachers. of Commerce is working to restore the charter of the Plymbrone the Jaycees, is to appoint a com
Sea Scouts, in turn, go on to become the Jaycees, is to appoint a com
Sea Scouts. With the troop in-

outh Boy Scout troop which lap-mittee of seven Jaycee members

sed sometime ago. The troop had to meet with Hunter and go over been under sponsorship of the the details of setting up the troop link in the program. The local civic group wishes December 22. in Plymouth, it was said. It is ex-The Jaycees voted at a meet- pected that the committee will to assure mothers of Cub Scouts Several men will be appointed

Sea Scouts. With the troop in-