Alice Harris, daughter of Mr

and Mrs. Bryan Harris, of Roper made the dean's list for the fall

quarter just ended at East Caro-

lina College, Greenville, her mother has been informed. Miss Har-

That one can be happy with little in the way of material possessions is amply proved in the case of Johnny Harris, 21, and his grandmother, 78-year-old Mrs. Georgie Annie Belch, pictured here in their humble rented home on the Mackeys Road near Albemarle Beach. The two were visited recently by a Beacon reporter and photographer who found the young man—deformed from birth—bright and cheerful and his grandmother who reared him from infancy content in the knowledge that she has done a good job in bringing him up and teaching him to read, write and figure. He plays the guitar and harmonica, sings and composes ballads as a hobby. Mrs. Belch has been ailing lately and needs money with which to pay bills.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Handicapped Youth

ful Personality

By JAMES L. BOND

Holiday Closing

For Draft Board

Registrants and other persons

who might have business at the

local selective service board

no. 95, located in the basement of the courthouse here, are

asked to please note that the office will be closed after Thursday of this week and will remain closed throughout the

The announcement was made

by Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board

December 28, at the usual hour.

week of December 20.

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HAPPY IN THE FACE OF SERIOUS HANDICAPS

ris, a graduate of Roper High School, is a sophomore at the Greenville school. "Miss Grey" is dead. And a vacant spot which cannot be filled now exists in the C. E. Ayers visited the Ayers' during the past 14 years knew "Miss Grey." When cupy in Country Club Village the

household. Everyone who has Mr. and Mrs. Ayers and family moved to the house they now ocformer occupants, a Mr. and Mrs. Grey who now live in another state, willed to the Ayers family a cat and asked that it be given the best of treatment. It was. And now that "Miss Grey" is no more, there is genuine sorrow in the Ayers household.

J. C. and Maurice Smith ran into some good goose hunting in the Engelhard section near Lake Mattamuskeet early Monday morning. Maurice said they bagged their limit of Canadian geese before eight o'clock.

W. Willis Bowen, Washington County FHA supervisor, is in Washington today where he is attending a meeting of supervisors from Hertford, Swan Quarter, Williamston, Trenton, New Bern Washington and Plymouth. The meeting, being held in the Beaufort County FHA office, is in charge of Marion C. Holland, of Goldsboro, state FHA field repre-

James Hardison, who has been quite ill for some time and who was just recently released from the hospital here, stated this week that he is now able to sit up indoors and is getting along nicely It will be sometime before he will be able to be out and still longer before he regains his strength sufficiently to allow him to again take up the active management of his business here.

Last Friday afternoon it was interesting to watch the various reactions of the small fry as they beheld St. Nick. One tiny miss apparently frightened by Santa's whiskers, wouldn't get within six feet of him despite parental urg-ing and the fact that she held a letter addressed to him. She finally tossed the epistle down at his feet and took refuge in her mo

Large Majority County Farmers Favor Controls

Controls Voted On Cotton And Peanut Crops by 8 by Mrs. Lorrance Hunter, bearing the Clerk, who stated that the of-To 1 and 25 to 1, Respectively, Tuesday

Washington County farmers No Bookmobile Schedule voted overwhelmingly Tuesday

In the peanut referendum returns from 41 of 563 counties showed 6,317 for controls to 101

Farmers in some 20 states took part in separate cotton and peanut referendums.

The vote for control meant favoring limited production with a specific acreage allotment individually, by counties, states and country as a whole in return for high support prices, government-

supported at 90 per cent of parity. Farmers have never rejected controls in a referendum vote. The 90 per cent parity figure would amount to about 31 cents a

pound for cotton and \$237.60 a ton for peanuts, it was said. Stronger support was shown in

this county for the continued controls on the peanut crop than on imposition of controls on cotton. The total county vote for pea-

nut controls was 265, 255 for and only 10 against. For cotton it was 134 for and 17 against. There were three pollings

places, in Plymouth at the Agriculture Building, in Roper at Knowles Grocery and in Creswell at Mike Davenport's garage. The vote, broken down to poll-

ing places, was given by the county ASC office as follows: Plymouth : Cotton, 34 for, none against; Peanuts, 103 for, none

Creswell: Cotton, 71 for, 14 against; Peanuts, 69 for, 8 against. Roper: Cotton, 29 for, three against; Peanuts, 83 for, 2 against. Very few votes were challenged anywhere in the county.

Tax Supervisor, Listers To Meet

ing; Uniform Listing Prices To Be Set

The county tax supervisor, own tax listers and members of ert Campbell has announced.

Purpose of the meeting will be to administer the oath of office to the supervisor and list takers and to establish uniform prices for listing livestock and other items of property in the annual property listing which begins in Jan-Mrs. Frances Lucas, Misses Myrtle uary, Mr. Campbell said.

Hubert L. Davenport, of Skinty tax supervisor by the board of commissioner at the December 1st session. The commissioners o'clock worship hour at Ludford met here Monday night of this Memorial Baptist Church here the week and appointed list takers.

Township; W. W. White, Skin-nersville Township; R. W. Lewis, be guest soloist. Lees Mill Township; and Clarence L. Blount, Plymouth Town-

At the meeting this week the choir. commissioners also decided to advertise the sale of certain counpublic auction at the courthouse January 18 at 11 a.m. it was said. A total of 988 acres will be placed

The board asked Tax foreclos ure attorneys Norman and Rodman to foreclose on two tracts in Has Plenty of Pluck

The meeting next Monday

Despite Deformity, Lack of Formal Schooling, John-To Face Charges ny Harris Presents Cheer-

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Brinkley at the organ. Soloists Lilly, J. S. Fleming and W. D. Barron was arrested at 7 a. m.

whose physical stature must be less than four feet and who looks to weigh hardly 75 pounds. He is Johnny Harris and he lives with his 78-year-old grandmother in a jailed. A watchband allegedly small, drab rented house on the taken from Western Auto Store Mackeys Road within sight of the here Tuesday before noon was recovered, it was said.

turn-off leading to Albemarle Gene Armentrout, operator of The grandmother, Mrs. Georgie the Western Auto store, was told by clerks shortly before noon Mackeys Men in Annie Belch, has really been a mother to the boy all his life as well as the only schoolteacher he has ever known. Johnny's mother, who now lives in Chowan County, gave the boy to her mother to rear and the latter has had him from tiny infancy.

The grandmother, Mrs. Georgie by clerks shortly before noon Tuesday that a colored boy just leaving the store had taken a watchband. Armentrout hurried out and accosted the youth on the sidewalk and asked that he return the band. The Negro denied having the band whereupon a mother to the boy to her mother to rear and the latter has had him from tiny infancy. Juring Christmas House along with the rest of the country for production and marketing controls to remain on peanuts for the next three years and to be invoked on the cotton crop next year.

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The following week the book mobile will make the same run returns from 201 of the 1,056 cotton growing counties showed a solid 103,861 for controls as solid 103,861 for controls as This schedule will be published.

The Washington County Book mobile will not make its regular run next week because of the Christmas holidays, Mrs. C. E. Ayers, county librarian, announced this week.

The Gallowing Larismas House from tiny infancy.

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County Churches Outline With Board Here Christmas Program Plans Short by \$300 as Parcel Time Nears

Oaths To Be Administered Special Services Include At Monday Night Meet- Sermon Topics, Appropriate Christmas Music Programs

Special Christmas program have been announced for many the board of county commission- of the Plymouth and county ers are scheduled to meet at the churches during the holiday sea courthouse Monday night of next week, Clerk to the Board J. Robing sermon topics, cantatas, special children's programs, and so forth.

The choir of the First Christian Church, Plymouth, presented a "King of Kings," las Sunday evening before an appreciative audience. Solotsts were and Betty Jean Jackson and Charles Hutchins. Mrs. Harry nersville, was reappointed coun- Newland served as organist and

Sunday morning at the 1 clock worship hour at Ludford Paul B. Belanga, Scuppernong will render an anthem and Mrs.

At the evening hour service, the annual program of Christmas music will be presented by the

A brief Christmas program will follow the Christian Endeavor ty-owned lands in the Wenona meeting Sunday night at Saints section. The land will be sold at Delight Church of Christ, according to an announcement issued by the pastor, Walker Perry.

Lees Mill Township on which taxes are unpaid for several public is cordially invited to at-11:30 p. m., the rector, the Rev. E. M. Spruill, has announced. The posts here. tend this service.

night is slated to begin at 7:30. Christ the children will have

Willie Lee Barron, 18-year-old at Plymouth Methodist Church have been announced as Myrtle Collins.

service will be held at the Roper as follows:

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Highway Patrolman Carl Gil-christ, of Plymouth, arrested Ver-non Lucas, young Mackeys color-Sheriff J. K. Reid and State

stated that Lucas, when arrested, readily admitted the shooting.

The affair is thought to have been the result of a grudge of three-month's standing. The Lucas house is near the Jack Pierce place of business.

A preliminary hearing was held here Tuesday before Judge W. Ronald Gaylord and after six witnesses, including both the sheriff and Patrolman Gilchrist, testified, Gaylord found probable cause and ordered that Lucas be held in jail without privilege of bond to await trial at the January term of Washington County Superior Court. The court term will open here on Monday, January 4 and is scheduled for two weeks duration.

Local Lions Sponsoring Turkey Shoot This Week

The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a turkey shoot Friday and Saturday of this week, it is announced.

The site is near the Atlantic Coast Line freight station and the hours will be from 2 p. m. on Friday and from 9 a. m. on Saturday until patrons have had their fill.

Those shooting will have chances on a number of live turkeys, weighing about 20 pounds each. Ammunition will be furnished and there will be guns for use of those who do not bring

A nominal per-shot charge will

Copy for Next Beacon Must Be In Saturday

In order to give employees a longer holiday The Beacon's Christmas issue will be printed Monday of next week. The office will then be closed until the following Tuesday morning, December 29.

Since the paper is to be printed three days early, it will be necessary for all copy to be in the office not later than Saturday. The cooperation of all advertisers and correspondents is requested. Church notices and related items should be in the office just as early as possible, and no copy can be ac-

cepted for publication in the next issue later than Saturday. The Christmas issue, as usual,

will carry the greetings of our advertisers to their patrons. For a cheery message that will mean more than just a couple of days off from work, read these greetings ads.

Although members of the Beacon staff will not come back to work after the holidays until Tuesday morning, December 29, every effort will be made to get the issue of that week on time. However, there is a possibility that it may be a bit

One registrant from Selective

Service Board No. 95 here was

Another registrant failed to re-

month of January, Mrs. Hunter

said, but any delinquents who

are located will be forwarded

Christens Dance Beauty

est our cherry

Wednesday night of next week

the Lake Phelps Post No. 391 of the American Legion is sponsor-

ing a combination Christmas

dance and beauty contest, it is

for induction

Short by \$300 as

Stocking Fund Is

Many Volunteer Workers Said Needed When Packing Work Begins Friday Night; 220 Cases Reported

About \$300 in cash is needed to meet the needs of the Empty Stocking Fund for 1953, Chairman James Boyce reported late yester-

So far, donations of toys, food and clothing is coming along well, it was said, and the drive for cash with which to augment other donations was said to be "fair."

Meanwhile, Mrs. Ursula Spruill, nead of the county welfare department, stated that to date there re reported 220 needy families including an approximate 550 eople. Twenty-five names or nore have been added since Monlay, and there is a strong possibility that many more will be reported before the delivery date Christmas parcels through the annual Empty Stocking pro-ject sponsored by the Plymouth Rotary Club.

Last year in the most successul campaign ever conducted here for Christmas cheer to the reedy, 250 families were reported s needy cases, Mrs. Spruill said.

Two county schools, Plymouth ligh School and the Creswell olored School, have turned in donations of clothing and shoes. These items are being received at the welfare office in the courthouse here. Mrs. Spruill said the articles received thus far have been in remarkably good conditon. Many toys have also come in, as well as canned foods, both of the home-canned variety and "store-bought." More is needed,

Some things are being stored at the Agriculture Building and in the FHA office in the courthouse, aiso. Packaging will begin Friday night, Chairman Boyce stated, and many volunteer workers are needed for the huge task.

Boyce said it would take "about \$300 more than what we now have in hand to purchase the 350 cases of merchandise which will be distributed at Christmastime throughout the county to the needy families.

All leaders of the project are announced.

There are already entered 26 contestants in the beauty contest which is after the beauty contest own "Operation Christmas."

interest. There will be several Largest Crowd in Years Gathers at Christmas Parade

Nearly 2,500 Bags of Candy Passed Out To Youngsters During Annual Visit of

Young and old saw Santa here ast Friday afternoon, the younger ones got free gifts of Christmas candy personally delivered by the merry gentleman in the red coat and white whiskers, and everyone enjoyed the cavortings of the majorettes and the carolplaying bands.

From the standpoint of numbers certainly it was the most successful Christmas parade ever staged here. Estimates of the huge throngs ranged up to 3,000 or more persons. The queue of youngsters standing about ten abreast to pass by Santa for the Candy and to deposit letters addressed to him reached all the way to Belk-Tyler's. And nearly 2,500 bags of candy were given out to eager, outstretched hands during the short interval of an hour from the time the jeep bearing Santa was sighted heading rorth up Washington Street until the large crowd dispersed.

Thos. F. Hopkins acted as master of ceremonies and a number of volunteers aided police officers in holding back the crowd to allow an orderly procession by the platform to see Santa.

The Plymuth High School band and the Washington County Union School band, of Roper, played such well-known carols as "Noel," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Jingle Bells," etc.

Santa was chauffered and escorted into town by the Baynor twins. A happy shout went up from the hundreds and hundreds of children present when the jeep bearing the honored guest of the own was first sighted.

Many persons were heard to he largest seen here in many years. One wag remarked after t was all over that the street evel was noticeably lower by at least half an inch.

GROUP AT OPENING OF NEW BANK THURSDAY OF LAST WEEK



Despite a drizzling rain, more than 50 persons were on hand at 9 o'clock last Thursday morning, when the Plymouth unit of the Planters National Bank & Trust Company opened for business. This photo shows a portion of the crowd, headed by Mayor A. J. Riddle (extreme right), who cut the ribbon in front of the doors and was given the honor of becoming the first depositor of the new bank. Archie W. McLean, president of the Rocky Mount institution, is back of Mayor Riddle. D. Marvin Weaver, manager of the local branch, is third from the right and just in front of him is Wiley W. Meares, executive vice president and cashier of the Planters National.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

On Bloodmobile Visit Total 106 Pints on 13th Visit of Red Cross Unit; One Man Sent By 30 Many - Time Donors Board, Induction

Fail To Reach Quota

On its 13th visit to Washington County, the bloodmobile from the Tidewater Regional Blood Center, sent for induction Wednesday of last week, the board clerk, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, reports. Grace Episcopal Church here will hold Christmas Midnight celebration of the Holy Communiate the Veterans Building here last Friday, sponsored jointly by port for the reason that he was the American Legion and VFW at sea with the merchant marine, the clerk stated. There will be no regular calls on the local board during the

the day, it was said. The quota At Zion's Chapel Church of had been established at 150 pints. Refreshments were furnished their Christmas program during for blood donors by the auxiliary the pening of Bible School Sunday Time is 9 45 a. m. Ric and of Foreign Wars. Helping as nur-

day ne is 9 45 a. m. Ric ard of Foreign Wars. Perping as Ga, ner, Uniater, made the 1-ses were M. W. Tarkento out ove, and it over, and it summer workers. Other volunteer workers in-

There were 30 persons white and one colored-who gave Zeb Norman, jr.

A special Christmas worship

These were listed by Mrs. Collins which is attracting considerable

Eleven-time donors — Clayton
Ragland, Robert Johnson, Ralph
Hunter, Dick Mallory and Irving
Hassell;

Hassell;

Hiterest. There will be several door prizes given.

Music for the dance will be furnished by Earl Zirkle and his orchestra of Rocky Mount. The

Ten-time donors - W. T. Hop- dance will be held at the Legion Fatal Shooting | kins, H. B. Gaylord, Merritt | Browning, Cleveland Cratch and at 9 o'clock. Jack Pierce; kins, H. B. Gaylord, Merritt building at Cherry and will begin

non Lucas, young Mackeys color-ed man, at his home Saturday night shortly after he allogedly Carter and W. J. Weaver;

Nine-time donors — E. E. Har- Prayer Meeting at Roper Community Building Set

Eight-time donors—C. S. Gard-ner, Charles T. Sawyer, L. J. Darby, Stuart West, Marvin Hardison, Lawrence Jones, W. E. open to all and will begin

Clarence Bond.

The "People's Prayer Meeting" will be held Thursday night of

Waters, Thomas Cunningham and promptly at 7:30 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended.

HAPPY DAY! CHRISTMAS PARADE, SANTA CLAUS



No one has to tell you that these children were happy when the picture was taken. It shows plainly enough on their faces. Santa Claus looks rather pleased with the whole thing, as well. The photo was snapped on Water Street last Friday afternoon as a flock of merry youngsters gathered around the distinguished visitor from the North Pole. The event drew to Plymouth the largest crowd seen here in many years. Well over 2,000 bags of Christmas candy were given out to the hundreds of children in the huge throng.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.