New Year's Day Jimmy Kitch-engs and helpers were extreme-ly busy making deliveries of deep-freeze units, television sets and one thing or another and so Jimmy was not around his place of business long at the time. However, a few local football fans gathered in the Television Center and just helped themselves to not one but two of the television sets on display to view one of the bowl games of the day. Jimmy later pressed a few of the heftier ones into service to help load some of the heavy hardware being moved out to buyers. Reciprocity was the order of the day.

Wednesday morning at the Mayflower Maurice Smith was marveling at the wonderful transportation of the twentieth century. His longtime friend from Milwaukee, Wisconsin — Marion Goodson-spent six days visiting Plymouth and enjoying the good hunting hereabouts. Maurice said they went goose-hunting in the Pungo section early Tuesday, got three geese, took Marion to Norfolk, Va., where he emplaned in time to get home to Milwaukee for supper that evening.

Power of suggestion? One of the attorneys in the Lucas trial Tuesday asked a witness to describe how the body of the victim was lying. In answering, the witness used the word "laying," and after that the attorney repeatedly resorted to the same

## Last Rites Held For Mrs. Phelps

at Holly Neck Church Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. by the Rev. R. L. Gardiner. Interment follow ed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Phelps died at her home at 11 a. m. last Friday after a lingering illness. She had been in declining health for about a year and sick in bed for six

She was a native of Martin County, born February 16, 1875, to the late J. B. Jones and Sarah Davis Jones, of that county. She Jim Phelps, of Roper, who sur- all members of the city council possible. Christ, near Roper.

She leaves, besides her husband, three daughters, Mrs. Essie Gardner and Mrs. Alline Marri- trap any bird within the corpo- of the week during the slack perner, both of Roper, and Mrs. Nath rate limits of the town. Violations Hassell, of Edenton; 13 grand- are punishable by fines up to \$50 children and seven great grand-

# Whiskey Sales Figures

Legal sales of whiskey in Washington County in December amounted to \$22,323.05, according bird life has become the interest tail outlets released by Manager and duty of every farmer and ABC Store.

Sales during the month at the Plymouth outlet totaled \$19,735.35 do more for us in the protection of while sales at the Creswell store amounted to \$2,587.70.

Sales for the four days immediately preceding Christmas Day at Plymouth amounted to \$6,922.95

Old School Property Is Sold Here Monday will conduct the Suffolk hearings, and P. R. Dixon has been named Results of the public auction was sold to W. T. Freeman, of sale of obsolete county school pro- Roper and Plymouth, for \$1,500; Association, Inc., of Suffolk, was

R. F. Lowry, acting for the county and M. T. Sitterson, of Plymouth,

use upon consolidation of colored elementary schools of the county

Of Roper, for \$775.

The bids will be held open for with a new marketing plan an-

perty held here Saturday noon the Morrattock School property cited by FTC, along with peanut were announced this week by to Edgar Taylor, for \$800; the millers, as having been instru-County Superintendent of Schools Brooks School property to M. E. mental in the alleged price-fixing for \$675; and the Soundside which clean and shell peanuts. The property had gone into dis- School property to L. S. Bateman,

at Plymouth and the high school ten days, however, subject to nounced by the Department of consolidation at Washington upset bids. By raising the success- Agriculture in 1952, designed to County Union School, Roper. ful bid figures by ten per cent, encourage a competitive market The Macedonia School property bids may be upset, it was said.

# THE ROANOKE BEACON

**Urges Volunteer** 

Plymouth Township Up Thomas F. Hopkins To Head

Help for Drive

March of Dimes in County

Thomas F. Hopkins, of Plym-

County, says that "Two for One'

raising campaign last January.

"We know we're going to need

gamma globulin for 1954 as in

1953 at a total cost of \$19,000,000.

Gamma globulin is the only stop-

gap holding action there is

against polio paralysis until a vac-

ing costs of giving financial as-

need help and to continue the

March of Dimes programs of pro-

fessional training, epedemic serv-

we'll need at least twice as many

volunteer workers this year as we

single Washington County resi-

Dimes aid and we don't propose

that a single one ever shall.'

(Hopkins' son was stricken some-

See FUND DRIVE, Page 12

Residents Urged

Pay Taxes Early

Plymouth residents have

been reminded by P. W. Brown,

local police chief, that their

town taxes are now payable at

par and will be until February

1, after which 1 per cent inter-

est will be charged to delin-

taxes as soon as possible and thus avoid the interest.

and county taxes.

"If we're going to raise this

we are told."

Than Ever

AND WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS



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Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, January 7, 1954



Plymouth volunteer firemen didn't get into their new home by the first of the year, as they hoped, but work is going forward and at least it won't be as long as it has been. The new building will have room for three pieces of equipmentment at the front, with a club room, showers, lockers and a work room for the firemen at the back. It is 40 by 90 feet overall and is built of concrete blocks with a brick veneer. Robert L. Tetterton is contractor for labor on the building, with the town furnishing all materials. Jack Liverman is the supervising architect.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Only 100 Persons List in

To Tuesday, List Taker

The annual job of listing prop-

rty for taxes, begun in Washing-

Reports from various listers

enport could not be contacted

Mr. Blount reported that about

buck, who is working in conjunc-

Both men joined with the coun-

ty tax supervisor, Mr. Davenport,

missioners' room on the first floor again this time.

According to a story carried in validity-tests this winter alone

ton County last Saturday, is off to

present indications.

# Tax Listing Is Off To County Director Slow Start in County

## **February Draft** Call for 3 Men

Selective Service Board No. 95 here has received a call to send three registrants for induction on Wednesday, February 24, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter,

board clerk, reported this week. Five men were inducted from this board during the same period last year, Mrs. Hunter said, and five were also inducted in January 1953. Calls have been light on the board here during the past several months.

### Last rites for Mrs. Sarah Jane Phelps, 78, of Roper, were held Bird Sanctuary Is Established Here By Town Council of the courthouse, was of the

day by Mayor; Makes
The Beacon last January, some
Killing Any Birds in City
Ing the first four working days.

Additionally, the March of Dimes already has committed to the purchase of at least twice as much Limits Unlawful

The Town of Plymouth became in urging citizens to act early in came here from Martin County 55 a bird sanctuary under the terms the month to get this important came here from Martin County 55 of a proclamation issued Monday and essential job done and fore- against polio paralysis until a vacyears ago. She was married at of a proclamation issued Monday and essential job done and fore- is tested and found effective, Jamesville December 17, 1899, to night by Mayor A. J. Riddle, with stall any last minute rush, if vives. Mrs. Phelps was a mem- also signing the proclamation to ber of Zion's Chapel Church of give their endorsement to its provisions.

> The proclamation makes it un- and that a good time to come lawful for any person to kill or in to list is right in the middle sistance to polio patients who or imprisonment for not more

The proclamation, signed by A J. Riddle, mayor, and Councilmen E. D. Keel, J. F. Davenport, J. D. Cruickshank, Jack B. La-For December Released tham, W. C. Hall and George W. Harrison, is addressed to all citi-Legal sales of whiskey in Wash- zens of Plymouth and reads as Hearings Set in

W. C. Styons, of the Plymouth conservationist and should be the concern of every person, young or old, in our town, because birds crops, food stuffs, plants, trees and flowers than we actually do for ourselves, saving millions of

> dollars each year; and "Whereas, birds are man's best See SANCTUARY, Page 7

### possible. Hopkins emphasized that this total of \$26,500,000 for the new ing activity is usually heaviest on the first and last of the week

Listing must be done during the month of January, one day in ices and laboratory research. February being allowed this year to compensate for January 1, a kind of money-and we mustholiday. Failure to list makes one liable to the penalties provided by law, it has been emphasized. had last January," the director

# Case of Millers

Hearings in the case involving 17 peanut millers in North Carolina and Virginia (including Farmers Cotton & Peanut Company here), charged by the Federal Trade Commission with combining unlawfully to keep down prices paid to peanut growers have been set for January 17 in Suffolk, Va., the commission has announced in Washington.

A closed, pre-trial conference was set for Wednesday of this

John L. Lewis, FTC examiner. attorney for the commission.

The Virginia-Carolina Peanut combination, Millers are firms

The peanut companies are charged with failure to comply in the peanut industry.

# Monthly Session Hears

Routine Reports, Road Petition; Approves Market I nregular monthly session here Monday the board of county commissioners heard routine reports

of a minor nature. The meeting convened at 11 a. m. in the commissioners' room at the courthouse with all board Frank L. Brinkley, chairman, and A. R. Latham, of Plymouth; J. C. outset, progress was rather slow in Superior Court here this week.

Pritchett, of Creswell.

W. M. Darden, of Plymouth, cember 12, 1953. ppeared before the board re-

o established the market here. Peel in the prosecution. The board members stated that the idea sounded good and they endorsed the program and voted the matter before the farmers

work done in December were subagent, and Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home agent.

County Tax Collector E. J. had been collected by his departouth, director of the annual ment during December.

a rather slow start, according to March of Dimes in Washington A priition was received and acwill be the slogan of the drive to were not available and County enlist volunteer workers for the Tax Supervisor Hubert L. Dayenport could not be contacted here this point.

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Tax Supervisor Hub here this worth.

The month, Mr. Hopkins said, dle Neck Road 2.1 miles and back the birdway. ed that the report from Plymouth Township List Taker Clarence L. every effort will be made to sign to the highway.

Blount reflected the general up two workers for every one who served on the polio fund- of the board that the road gets Gaylord here Tuesday, Novemslick and rough in bad weather "It's a sort of bring-a-friend 100 persons had listed as of Tues- deal," the director explained. "Of have a hard time travelling the day. Town Tax Lister W. A. Roe- course, we expect everyone who road. The clerk was requested to solicit the support of the highworked to make last year's March tion with Mr. Blount in the com- of Dimes a success will serve

#### opinion that listing was somewhat at least \$7,500,000 in the country Harry D. McNair below the pace of a year ago. for the double V-that's vaccine

tist Church here Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for Harry D. McNair, 39, of Plymouth. Mr. The case aroused consider McNair died at his home here interest among the local colored at 8:30 p. m. Monday. He had not citizens, as has the murder trial been ill.

He was a native and lifelong day. polio prevention program was in resident of the county, born June addition to the always stagger-|21, 1914, the son of Mrs. Jessie D. McNair and the late Carl W. Mc- Lions Club in Supper Nair, of this place. He was en gaged in farming. Mr. McNair was married at Windsor September 28, 1934, to Miss Laura Bowen, of Plymouth, who sur- day night of this week at the vives. He was a member of Ludford Memorial Church.

Surviving besides the widow are two daughters, Barbara and Louise McNair of the home; his mother; and a sister, Mrs. John-"We haven't any idea how many nie C. Pridgen, of Plymouth.

patients are going to need help Services were conducted by his next year," he pointed out. "All pastor, the Rev. P. B. Nickens, we know is that never has a assisted by the Rev. E. M. Spruill, local Episcopal rector, and burial dent suffered for lack of March of was in Windley Cemetery.

#### First Baby Born at Local Hospital This Year Girl

First baby of the new year at the Washington County Hospital was a girl born at 1:30 p. m. January 1, hospital records show. The little lady is Sheila Denise

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wil liam David Scott, of Jamesville. Both baby and mother are reported to be doing fine.

# Action on Minor Few Cases Tried Program Released Matters Monday By Commissioners In Superior Court Starting Tuesday

County Board in Regular Mary Adams, Negress of Attempted Arson Charge; Murder Case Being Tried Thousand Mark

The case went to the jury shortly before five o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the Lucas murder trial and the jury reand took action in a few matters turned a verdict of not guilty less than two hours later. The Kulow manslaughter case is expected to begin this morning.

Held up by lengthy trials at the port, of Skinnersville; and H. W. Judge Chester Morris, of Currituck, is on the bench. Evidence The board decided that certain was still being offered Wednes ounty-owned lands in the We- day in the trial of Vernon Lucas ona section would be sold at Mackeys Negro, charged with the public auction February 8 and fatal shooting of Henry Joe Louis otice is being published to that Wilkins, jr., another young Mackeys Negro on the night of De-

The trial was begun about midgarding a movement to organize day Tuesday, after completion of public auction market for vege- the case against Mary Adams, ables in this county and asked Plymouth Negress, charged with he moral support of the board, attempted arson. Defense counsel Mr. Darden suggested that per-haps 200 acres of cucumbers, 400 Whitley, of Plymouth, and J. A. acres of snap beans, 50 acres of Pritchett, Windsor attorney. The squash, 200 acres of tomatoes, Plymouth law firm of Bailey and peppers, etc., would be required Bailey is aiding Solicitor Elbert

Lucas was being tried for second degree murder or manslaughter. Lucas is alleged to to take a half-page ad in the local have fired on Wilkins from the newspaper to assist in bringing front porch of his home and Wilkins was found lying on his back Routine monthly reports of between the house and the road, according to testimony of Sheriff For 1954; Need Greater mitted by W. H. Pruden, county J. K. Reid and State Highway Patrolman Carl Gilchrist, the investigating officers. The slaving was said to have been the result Spruil reported that \$19,197.66 of a grudge of some months'

> The trial of Mary Adams was cepter to be forwarded to the to the jury at about 11 o'clock begun Monday and the case went highway commission to black top Tuesday morning, following argument of counsel and the judge's charge to the jury. The jury was cut only a short while before returning a verdict of not guilty.

> It was brought to the attention held before Judge W. Ronald ber 10, and probable cause was and that the county school busses found, with the defendant being

The prosecuting witness, Rosie way chairman in having the road Lee Barnes, testified that a hole was burned in the floor of a bedroom in her house here, the fire being smothered out by a mattress which was folded on the Buried Yesterday was offered that the Adams woman was seen in a crouching po-Funeral services were conduct- before the fire was discovered ed from Ludford Memorial Bap- and that she had been heard to

The case aroused considerable which was in progress Wednes-

# Meeting Here Tonight

The Plymouth Lions Club will hold its regular meeting Thurs- this time at Roper High Schoo Hubert M. Ange announces. Time is 7 o'clock.

### **Not To Contract** For Cukes Here

C. W. Dinkins, manager of the C. C. Lang & Son plant here, stated yesterday after-noon that he had just learned that the concern would not do any contracting for cucumbers or peppers in this area during 1954.

Mr. Dinkins stated that he was already in touch with several concerns that deal in cucumbers and that he hoped to have some definite word by

# Plymouth, Acquitted of Tag Sales Near

Sales of license plates at the local branch office of the Caro-lina Motor Club neared the thousand mark early this week. Figures were released showing sales in the various categories through Tuesday's business by Manager James H. Ward and

showed a total of 985 tags sold. Sales of auto tags led the list with 695; next in number were private truck plates, 167; utility trailers, 74; farm trucks, 31; commercial trailers, 16; and

## Council Disposes Of Routine Items At Regular Meet

ters Considered

The Plymouth city council acted on several matters of be discussed, but it may be that routine importance and endorsed a proclamation by Mayor A. J. profitably with your farming pro-Riddle designating Plymouth as a bird sanctuary at its monthly meeting held in the municipal building Monday night. Mayor Riddle presided and all six councilmen were present.

Extension of water and sewer lines on West Avenue to a site where Paul Sexton plans to build at least four new houses was discussed. There was some question as to whether or not the land was high enough to provide the necessary fall for a sewer line, and the matter was left up to Mayor Riddle and Chief of Police P. W. Brown for final decision.

Representatives of three Stillacres business firms asked that the town pay a portion of the cost of surfacing in front of their places of business. The three firms, Waters & Kelly Grocery, bound over to the higher court W. J. Woolard Furniture Co., and the Etheridge Company, had spent a total of \$1,302.32 for black topping between East Main Street and their stores. Part of the area surfaced was the street right of way, and members of the council floor under the bed. Testimony surfacing the area not actually agreed to pay one-half the cost of

A contract was entered sition outside the house shortly with H. O. Lovic for installation of electric wiring in the new fire See COUNCIL, Page 7

# Play To Be Given At Roper School

The play, "What Would Jesus Do," given last Sunday night at Zion's Chapel Church of Christ met with such popular approval that it will be presented again day night of this week at the Mayflower Restaurant, President for benefit of the school's activity bus fund. Curtain time is 7:30 with an admission charge of 40 cents for adults and 25 cents for children, all proceeds going to the bus fund. The public is urged to

The play is a drama of Christian action centered about the life nd work of a modern-day metropolitan church. The minister becomes discouraged trying to please the members of his church by preaching what they would like to hear, excusing their sins and so decides to do the will of Christ as near as he can find it, regardless of loss to personal popularity. As he says, "it is a glorious madness," and all kinds of things happen to insure "never a dull moment." Truth triumphs though tragedy strikes, but the crusade for Christian action goes

ESTABLISHED 1889

County Agent Issues Invitation To Attend Meetings Set for Agriculture Building Here

"The application of recent agricultural research results here would mean a vast improvement in the income of individual farmers and would bring a great contribution to the economy of the entire county," Farm Agent W. H. Pruden declared today.

Pruden said this is the thinkng back of a three-day series of classes designed to acquaint Washington County farmers with the practical application of recent esearch results affecting major arming enterprises that could be onducted in this county.

The classes will be held in the auditorium of the Agriculture Building here Tuesday, Wednes-day and Thursday of next week. Specialists from the State Colege Agricultural Extension Servce will bring the latest recommendations in many different Mayor Reports Street Sur-facing Work Is Dependent attend the complete series. He termed the meetings, "The most termed the meetings, the most schedule for the counphases of agriculture. Farmers ty in a long, long while."

"Maybe you aren't interested in a particular enterprise that will this enterprise can fit in very gram," the agent declared.

Among the recent research results to be presented will be a system of growing out hogs on Ladino clover, corn, water and minerals at a cost of only \$11 per hundredweight. "Most of us have been spending about 50 per cent more than that," according to Pruden.

New fertilization recommendations and new, inexpensive sources of nitrogen will be brought to the attention of those who avail themselves of the opportunity to attend the classes. Pruden stated that the average farmer now uses only 40 pounds of nitrogen per acre on corn, but research revealed that corn profits increase with every pound of

fertilizer up to 100 pounds. Vegetable farmers who attend the classes will learn of a new cucumber and a new snap bean variety that are destined to replace older varieties in this area. The cucumber is resistant to downy mildew, is a higher yielder, and its good, dark color gives it top market appeal. The new bean has commanded a premium on the market since its introduct-

Letters have been sent out to county farmers inviting them to the series of meetings and other interested persons are also urged

"I would like to call your attention to the Tuesday morning session," Pruden said, "as a new organization in town plans to See PROGRAM, Page 12

## Board Decides on **Few Matters Here**

The Washington County Board of Education, in regular monthly session here Monday, approved the appointment of Mrs. Pinner, of Plymouth, as Property and Cost clerk in the office of the superintendent of schools.

The position is a part-time one and became open when the cost and inventory system in transportation recently went into effect in the office. Mrs. Pinner has begun her duties which consist chiefly of checking parts in and out and keeping cost records on various school busses.

The board agreed that some change be made in the garage which formerly was used to house the old bookmobile here, if practicable, and if not, that a new garage be constructed to house the new, larger bookmobile, provided the county library board agrees to bear the expense.

It was pointed out that the new bookmobile, recently put into service in the county, is higher and cannot be accomodated by the garage without lowering the

The sale of certain outdoor privies at the old J. J. Clemmons School at Roper to E. L. Owens,

The meeting convened at 10 a. m, in the offices of the county generation that follows us be able to say as much?"

state—those of first degree murander, and laid the responsibility in the J. W. Norman and Mrs. K. S. The jurist emphasized the important duty of every member of the grand jury in the matter of the public affairs of the laps of the older generation.

W. W. Mizell, of Roper, was the grand jury in the matter of the public affairs of the laps of the older generation.

W. W. Mizell, of Roper, was Belanga, Creswell; and J. Whither the grand jury in the matter of laps of the older generation.

# Judge Cites Importance of Jurors

quent payers. March 1 another 1 per cent interest accrues and 1/2 of 1 per cent interest will be added for each additional month thereafter. This schedof his charge to the grand jury overemphasized." ule of interest is charged by law and applies as well to state Mr. Brown has urged all citizens to appear at the office of the town clerk and pay their

"No complaint can be hurled presentments. "Just as much as county, the condition of its buildat our forefathers for the heritage my arm is a part of my body, ings and the school buses they left us," Judge Chester Mor- you are members of a body, the

The judge pointed to statistics of Plymouth, was approved. ris remarked during the course importance of which cannot be showing an increase in crime in

Eastern North Carolina which he at the opening of Superior Court Judge Morris briefly reviewed called "the best part of North superintendent of schools at the the opening of Superior Court
here Monday. "The question is the duties of grand jurors, enumringing in my mind, Will the erated the capital offenses in the the state." He deplored the inboard were present, including L.