Arnold, of the Pea Ridge section was in town Tuesday. He said

that while he wasn't ready to

make his formal announcemer right at this time, he definitely

planned to be a candidate fo representative in the Democratic

primary this year. Arnold repre-

sented the county in the 1949

General Assembly, but was de-

of his private business affairs.

basement of the courthouse.

man Charlie Moore, of the Wil-

break-in was recovered and turn-

ed over to the Williamston officer

Mary and Will Spruill had their

annual hog-killing dinner down

in the Pleasant Grove section

yesterday. As usual, there was

from Plymouth and all of them

enjoyed the sumptuous feast and

general good time. In addition to

a number of neighbors of Mr.

and Mrs. Spruill, guests includ-

ed the following: Mrs. J. W. Gray

Billy Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Orlo

Rath, Twila and David Rath, Ro-

bert Davenport, Mrs. H. N. Dav-

enport, Mrs. Robert S. Leary, Dr

C. McGowan, H. H. Allen, H. B.

Johnson, P. W. Brown, Foy Dav-enport, L. N. Womble, Bill Roe-

'Basket 'Brawl'

Boosters, Mrs. Ray Brown.

the band to purchase needed

music and to apply the remainder

on the \$1,000 now due on the new

uniforms it was explained

enjoyed by those present.

The meeting opened with the

call to order, followed by the re-

peating of the U.S. pledge and

singing of the 4-H pledge. Pray-

Dixie Land" and "Treasures in Life's Enrichment," were inter-

spersed with group singing of

Roll call by clubs, reading of

the minutes of the last meeting

and the treasurer's report preced-

ed discussions of the program

schedule and of how county clubs

can observe National 4-H Week

which will be in March this year.

of organization of the county

singing and games were enjoyed.

council concluded the program. Afterwards, square dancing

A discussion of the budget and

discussions of "Origin of

feated for reelection in 1951. He

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ANNOUNCES



## Peel Is Candidate For 2nd District's Post as Solicitor good-sized contingent on hand

Appointed by Governor Last Year, Williamston Attortion in Primary

Elbert S. Peel, of Williamston, solicitor of the Second Judicial District, this week announced his candidacy for that position, subject to the Democratic primary buck, Carl Gilchrist and Cecil in May. He was appointed to the office by Governor W. B. Umstead upon the resignation of former Solicitor George M. Fountain, of Tarboro, who was appointed a Nets Near \$300 special superior court judge in

Mr. Peel, a veteran lawyer in Martin County and this section, The "Basket Brawl" sponsored has always been interested in pohere last Thursday night by the litical affairs of his state and Plymouth Band Boosters was a county and represented the 1st howling success.

Everybody had fun and the Senatorial District of North Carolina for two terms, in 1929 and band is richer by \$281.99, accord-1931. He was Chairman of the ing to a report late Wednesday Senate Road Committee when from the treasurer of the Band North Carolina became the first state in the United States to take Mrs. Brown said that with over the entire road system of the "practically all reports in" the state. He was also a leader in the total from concessions was \$64.82 fight for the state to take over from game admissions, the support of the public school system and served on the State This money will be used by School Commission for two years

He was chairman of the Demo-Nobody seems to remember the Martin County from 1927 until | Robert Howell, G. 16 Miss Noactual scores of the hilarious actual scores of the hilarious games but the high school girls tin County from 1927 until this reen Bush. me from behind in a thrilling

during the Broughton Adminis-

past December, when he resignfinish to win the opener while ed to accept his present position. the collection of former stars During the years he has been tripped up the Panthers in the Mayor of Williamston, Solicitor of the Martin County Recorder's Court and was an Elector twice 4-H Club Council during the Roosevelt Administration. He has also been President Meets Wednesday of the Second District Bar As-

Mr. Peel was graduated from the University of North Carolina The Washington County 4-H Council met at the Agriculture in 1914, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, honorary Building Wednesday night of this scholastic fraternity, and won the week with interesting business Wiley U. Mangum medal for oraand recreational programs being

See SOLICITOR, Page 7

Successful 'Mothers March' Staged Here Last Week-End Despite Inclement

Thos F. Hopkins, director of the 1954 March of Dimes in Washington County, announced vesterday that \$1,500 was in hand toward the goal of more than \$3,500 be-

Mr. Hopkins stated that the "Mothers March" staged here by about 40 volunteer workers under the direction of Mrs. Hopkins Thursday, Friday and Satgood success. "In spite of the bad weather

during the week-end, around \$500 was realized from the house-tohouse canvass in Plymouth," Hopkins said. "The mothers got out and went to bat. The canvass was better than last year."

The Queen's committee chairman, Mrs. Dick Norman, announced the list of competing princesses who have been selected at Plymouth High School as

12th grade-Jo Hobbs and Lena Bennett; Mrs. Long's 11th grade-Marilyn Shugar and Betsy Brinkley; Mrs. Lucas' 11th grade ney Is Seeking Nomina- Modlin; Mr. Carr's 10th grade-Jolene Hollowell and Mary Eleanor Sanderson; Mrs. Norman's 10th grade-Mabel Hardison and Betty Ann Burnham; Mr. Foster's 9th grade-Faye West and Janice Johnson; Mr. Inabinett's 9th grade - Barbara Johnson and Jean Pittman; Mr. Clark's 8th grade-Barbara Clifton and Mary Frances Peed; Mr. Hough's 8th grade-Betty Lou Davenport and Mary Alice Kelley; Mrs. Gilbert's 8th grade—Edna Staton and Nyal

Womble. The winner will reign over the annual March of Dimes ball here on Saturday, February 6, and be crowned at intermission. The 20 princesses will also sell advance tickets to the ball, it was stated.

A Washington aggregation— Bill Graveley and his band—has already been secured to furnish music for the ball which will be held at the Veterans Club here. Names of additional solicitors were furnished this week by the

county chairman as follows: House-to-house - Mrs. Grev Watson, Mrs. M. B. Browning, Mrs. William T. Hopkins, Mrs. John M. Wood, Mrs. John F. Davenport, Mrs. Leslie J. Darby and

Mrs. Hugh Roberson. Rusiness solicitation committee:

## Police Chief Urges Town

Brown this week again called to ments were needed to round out children. the attention of Plymouth motor- the orchestra. ists the necessity for getting new | The orchestra should be colorbe displayed on all vehicles of be worn. motorists iving within the city The clinic will consist of classes

sold here.

# Is Being Marked

W. J. Weaver, Commander Of Bosie Bateman Post Here, Outlines Projects, Purposes of Organization

This week-January 24-30-th throughout the nation are observ ing VFW Week, according to a ing sought for the fight against announcement by W. J. Weaver polio. Post No. 4023, here. In making the announcement

Mr. Weaver listed some of th projects of the VFW, "The VFW National Home for Widows and urday of last week met with Orphans and various efforts at community service are our pride and joy projects," the commander stated. Other projects of equal importance, he said, are the incessant fight against communism the legislative program for veter ans and the youth program.

In the fight against commun ism, Mr. Weaver suggested that the people of the United State can deter further encroachment of thir liberties by communism by revitalizing their own belief in Americanism. This the VFW stives to do, he declared.

"Our organization has not beome a 'tool' of any groups which would try to-control our mandates or influence us on issues where it is pertinent that we take a stanfor or against some law or problem." the commander stated "For that reason we can fight for the causes of the disabled and needy veterans, the active duty service personnel, a strong military force and other matters that we were organized to support"

Mr. Weaver stated that "thi group is currently seeking a substantial increase in membership from eligible veterans in order to give the organization greater ed nightly except Mondays. strength on all levels."

## Three Members of Band Are Chosen

Three members of the Plym outh High School band have been selected to attend the annual Eastern Band Clinic which will be held at East Carolina College. Greenville, Friday and Saturday

The announcement was made by Band Director Edward Tay- Snell. He was born in Washinglor who said that Linda Lips- ton County October 7, 1877, and comb, Laura Jo Quinn and was a lifelong resident of the George Painter had been so hon- county and a retired farmer. He ored. The girls play the clarinet was a member of Zion's Chapel cratic Executive Committee of Robert Howell, G. R. Leggett, while Painter's instrument is the Church of Christ, near Roper.

be made up at the clinic from Pa.; a son, A. Ben Snell, of Roper; fallen most of that day. representatives of 30 high school two sisters, Mrs. Pattie Lucas, of bands, Taylor explained, and the Plymouth ,and Mrs. Tom Swain, Motorists To Get Plates three local band members were selected from a list of band mem-Plymouth Police Chief P. W. bers on the basis of what instru- Snell, of Roper; and three grand-

town license plates for motor ve- ful, to say the least, since uni- from Zion's Chapel Church by

imits after February 1. Those private instruction and a con ailing to do so will be prosecuted. cert Saturday night to which the Chief Brown said that sales of public is invited. Waldemar the tags to date amounted to Bhosys, double reed specialist and abut 500. About 750 are usually demonstrator, of New York City

## \$1,500 Now in Hand National Week of Foreign War Vets Only Three More Days for Listing

ast scheduled day for tax listing per cent completed.

nated that other than Plymouth some past years.

**Luncheon Meeting** 

Plymouth Last Week

Plans for the 14th season of

The Lost Colony pageant at Roa-

noke Island were mapped by

members of the executive board

of the Roanoke Island Historical

Association at a luncheon meet-

ing held in the banquet room of

the Mayflower Restaurant here

last Thursday. Barbecued chicken

General Manager Dick Jordan

gave a report on his activities to

date in behalf of the coming sea-

son which included souvenir pro-

gram and folder printing, advance

ticket sales to Roanoke Island

Historical association members

and promotional work in general

that is now taking place on a

quarters in Manteo on Roanoke

The Lost Colony beginning on

June 25, present 62 performances

this year and close on September

Ben Snell Buried

In County Sunday

a. m., following an illness of five

weeks. Mr. Snell had been in de-

clining health for about a year

late Henry Mack Snell and Emma

Langley Snell of this county and the widower of the late Inez

of Weldon; two brothers, Lewis

Snell, of Belhaven, and Clyde

Funeral services were conduct-

In Luncheon Meet

The executive committee of

ant, attended by six members of the committee, Community Com-

mitteeman Phil Liverman and

District Scout Executive Jerry

committee members' responsibili-

ty, regular duties and meetings

and liason with civic clubs were

Others attending were Scout-

master Carl Bailey, jr., Assistant Scoutmaster B. W. Cutler, Ralph

Hunter, James H. Ward, Charles

Sales of State License

Hutchins and Robert Howell.

total stood at 1,924.

ed is February 1.

trailers, 122: C trailers, 22.

Ashwill, of Williamston.

in the church cemetery.

Mr. Snell was the son of the

was enjoyed by the group.

had listed with him

ported late Tuesday that the job in conjunction with Mr. Blount of listing property for taxes was at the courthouse here, foresaw ing-the penalty imposed by law. far behind in the county. He esti- no great last-minute rush as in Absolutely no extension of time

With Monday of next week the Township, the job was about 50; "The job is progressing satis-Plymouth Township List Taker ed, "and listing is fairly steady. factorily here," Mr. Blount statin this county, the job is still lagging badly, according to re- a few more than 1,200 persons able to get them in all right."

County Tax Supervisor Hubert
L. Davenport, of Skinnersvile, reTown of Plymouth lister working prescribed time will be subject to Those failing to list within the

## Plans Mapped for Martin Man Is Killed 'Lost Colony' at In Wreck Yesterday

James Thomas Horton Dies Executive Board Members En Route To Local Hos-Of Roanoke Island Historpital Wednesday Mornical Association Meet at ing; Alabama Native

> James Thomas Horton, 52-yearold Jamesville man, died en route to the Washington County Hospital Wednesday morning from head and chest injuries received when the 1952 Ford he was driving went out of control and struck a large tree on U.S. 64 between Jamesville and Dardens.

> The accident happened at around 9:30 o'clock and was investigated by State Highway Patrolman J. E. Morton, of Roper. Damage to the car was estimated at \$600

Mr. Horton was a native of Alabama but resided at Jamesville for the past two years, being engaged in the logging business. He ame to Jamesville from Beaufulltime basis at the drama head- fort.

He was traveling east on the highway at the time of the ac cident and it is not known what caused the machine to go out of control. It was stated by the investigating officer that there were no signs of skid marks or other sign of brakes having being applied before the impact.

Mr. Horton is survived by his widow; his parents, Henry Horton Ben M. Snell, 76, of Roper, died at his home last Friday at 10:30 a.m. following an illness of five ton, of Georgia.

The remains will be left at Horner's Funeral Home here until Friday and shipped to Clayton, Alabama, for Sunday services.

### Brief Snow Flurries Hit County Last Friday Night

this week after a brief taste of matters are up for consideration. Surviving are one daughter, and sleet to the county last FriA 90 or 100-piece orchestra will

Mrs. Harold J. Fries, of Bedford, day night. Previously, rain had

Rep. Spell of Roper:

A 80 Spell of wintry blasts that brought snow

> Records at the weather station at Tide Water Test Farm, near here, show that the precipitation Friday was .65 of an inch, bringing the total for the month of January so far to 5.12 inches.

The wet weather has greatly ed Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock hampered preparation of tobacco hicles. These new 1954 tags must forms of the various bands will the pastor, the Rev. R. L. Gardi- beds in the county, but work was commenced again Wednesday on ner, assisted by the Rev. L. M. Ambrose, of Creswell. Burial was the beds, in some places.

#### Republican Precinct Meets Scout Committee Here Attended Fairly Well

A total of 18 persons attended he Republican precinct meeting of Plymouth No. 1 and No. 2, held here Tuesday night of this week, it is reported. No reports were 284 held a luncheon meeting Wed-Plymouth Boy Scout Troop No. meetings held simultaneously nesday at the Plymouth Restaurover the county.

Republican party in Washington finite reason for the cancellation band members will be entertain-County is set for February 11 at was given but it is thought that ed at a movie or a tour of the Discussions on program plan- house here. Party officials will be Aurora boys game in Plymouth ning for 1954, ways to strengthen elected by the delegates of the Tuesday night made the Roper the Committee-Parent program, various county precincts.

**BUREAU SPEAKER** 



charge of farm marketing extension at N. C. State College, Raleigh, will make the principal address at the meeting of the Washington County Farm Bureau to be held at the Agriculture Building here Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting will be the first of the year for the bureau and an important one and all members are urged to attend.

## Routing Meetings In Prospect Here

Regular monthly board meetngs here next Monday will be of a routine nature, apparently.

First Monday sessions will be held by the county commissioners, the county board of education and the Plymouth Town Council but as far as could be Springlike weather was back learned yesterday, no special

with a strictly routine session, in porch and a glider on the front prospect, according to Board porch were saved. Clerk J. Robert Campbell.

The board of education is slated to hold its meeting in the offices of the county superintendent of schools at the courthouse, beginning at 10 a. m. The Town Council will hold its

meeting Monday night at eight at the Municipal Building on East Water Street. A quiet session is

### Basketball Games at Roper For Tonight Are Cancelled

The scheduled basketball double-header at Roper Thursday night between Roper and Kafir Park at 11:30 a. m. Aurora High School boys' and The county convention for the Ted Martus late yesterday. No de- George Street, it was said. Later 7:30 p. m. at the county court- the outcome of the Plymouth- huge Cherry Point Marine Base, coach cancel the games.

## County Farm Bureau Meets Here Monday

Several important matters of accrue to Washington County business will be on the agenda for farmers from the various farm the first meeting of 1954 of the programs, the cost of the pro-Plates Nearing 2,000 Here Washington County Farm Bureau, grams to the government, a defi-President J. A. Morris, of Cres- nition of the term "parity," etc. well, reports.

lay sales of state motor rehicle icense plates were nearing the Monday night of next week and and make no recommendations 2,000 mark at the local office of will be held in the auditorium of County Agent W. H. Pruden the Carolina Motor Club, accord- the Agriculture Building here, states. "When he gets through ing to figures released through beginning at 7:30 o'clock, it was farmers who attend this impor-Manager James H. Ward. The said.

Sales were broken down into charge of farm management ex-rategories as follows: automobile, tension, N. C. State College, Ra-1,388; motorcycles, 3; private leigh, will be the principal speak- also, that the things to be distrucks, 329; farm trucks, 60; Z er. Dr. Ratchord will speak on cussed are being taken up in Con-

plates cannot be legally displayble price supports, what benefits | Monday night,

Dr. Ratchford will present this

The meeting is scheduled for information on an unbiased basis tant meeting will have something Dr. C. Brice Ratchford, in to go home and think about,"

railers, 122; C trailers, 22.

The deadline beyond which old Farm Programs in General."

Cussed are being taken up in Congressive and gress now and that farmers can get a great deal of needed information. Farm Programs in General." get a great deal of needed information by attending the meeting

## Demonstration in Plantbed Seeding Pepper, Tomatoes

Horticulture Specialist in Charge of Demonstration Next Thursday at A. J. Riddle Farm

A pepper and tomato seed bed demonstration will be held Thursday afternoon of next week on the A. J. Riddle farm two miles east of Plymouth on Highway 64, County Agent W. H. Pruden has announced.

The plant bed will be located directly behind the home of Elvin Adams, tenant on the farm, Pruden stated. Time of the demonstration is 2 o'clock. It is expected that there will

be much interest in pepper and tomato crops in the county this year because of the new produce auction market to be established here in May.

The county agent pointed out that pepper and tomato beds should be seeded by February 15. It is important to have goodsized plants early in order to catch the early market when the prices are strongest, Pruden said. He stated that prices of peppers per bushel dropped from an early high of \$4 last season to \$1.

Al Banadyga, extension horticulture specialist from State College, Raleigh, will be in charge of the demonstration which will show how to make the forms, prepare and seed the bed, etc.

Farmers who plan to plant acreage to the two crops this year are asked to please note date and time of the demonstration. They can profit by attending, the agent

## House Destroyed In Morning Fire

Fire which started from an overheated portable oil heater destroyed the one-story frame dwelling house of Annie Johnson, colored, on the Mackeys Road

The alarm was given at 10 a.m. and the Plymuth Fire Department responded promptly but was unable to save the house or any of the furnishings or personal effects, Fire Chief I. Miller War-

The house was located on the Mackeys Road about a mile east of Plymouth, just opposite the old airport

The fire chief determined the origin of the blaze to be the oil The commissioners will meet stood there was no insurance on

A washing machine on the back

## Band Leaves for New Bern Parade

Members of the Plymouth High School band, together with Band Director Edward Taylor, cheerleaders and chaperones, left by chartered buses Thursday morning of this week for New Bern where the band is taking part in the Shrine ceremonial parade.

The parade was scheduled to begin at 12:30 and about 20 bands are expected to take part. The bands were slated to assemble at

Lunch will be furnished the girls teams has been cancelled, it was learned from Roper Coach New Bern Recreation Center on whichever they choose

A dance will be held in the evening at which music will be furnished by Bubbles Becker and his orchestra. The Plymouth group is invited to remain over

## Added Duty for Patrol Officer

The recent wet weather brought new worries for Carl Gilchrist, Plymouth's hardworking highway patrolman. Since Carl has been stationed here he has certainly made his share of arrests, many of them motorists who exceeded the legal speed limit, and he is not complaining.

Within a week, however, Carl reports that twice he has had pull motorists out of the ditch after stopping them for driving too fast. When he sig-nalled them to stop, he said, the cars skidded into the roadside

## Tag Sales at Roper 'Slow'

Motorists living within the limits of Roper were reminded this week by town officials there that 1954 town license plates are required to be displayed on all vehicles after February 1.

It is said that sales of the tags at Roper have been quite slow thus far. The tags may be obtained from Robert Sawyer who states that he will be at the Town Office all day Saturday. He may be reached on other days at his place of business or about town, it was said.

SOME OF THE PLAYERS IN BENEFIT BASKETBALL GAME LAST FRIDAY



Pictured above are former basketball player who made up the all-star team which played Plymouth High School girls in the first game o a double-header at the gym here last Friday night. The game realized \$281.99 for the high school band fund. Left to right in the front row are Maxine Baynor, Margaret Owens, Lula Garrett, Edith Womble and Beulah Bickerstaff, Back row: Annie Laura Tetterton, Shirley Gurganus, Jeannette McCombs, Margaret Tetterton and Vivian Clark. After trailing much of the game the high school girls managed to pull out with a 2-point win.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.