Dr. B. W. Cutler, of Plymouth,

president of the Northeastern District Optometric Society, presid-

ed over a dinner meeting of the

group held Wednesday night of this week at the Plymouth Country Club. The society is joining in observance of national "Save Your Vision Week," March 7-13. Governor Umstead recently issued an official proclamation concerning its observance throughout the

Mr. and Mrs. W. Frith Winslow

and daughter, Ellen, Mrs. Louise McGowan and Mrs. Ben A. Sum-

ner spent Sunday in Raleigh and attended the exhibition of por-

traits by state artists at the State

Art Gallery. Mr. Winslow is one

of 48 North Carolina artists rep-

resented at the exhibit which he

declared to be most interesting.

It is the first exclusively portrait

exhibit held at the State gallery.

A Plymouth man, W. A. Roe-

buck, was on the special Scottish

Rite consistory committee which

recommended purchase of a deep-

thermic x-ray unit. The unit has

been purchased and located at

Kafers Memorial Hospital, New

Bern. The unit can be used to

treat cancer and any skin disease

where x-ray treatment is indicat-

ed, it was stated. Roebuck said

the committee may later recom-

hospitals in the area served by the

Janice Somerville, a junior at

the College of William and Mary.

Williamsburg, Va., has been elect-

ed to Pi Delta Phi, honorary

T. D. Somerville, of Plymouth.

Francis R. Spencer, son of Mr and Mrs. M. E. Spencer, of Roper,

made the dean's list at East Carolina College, Greenville, for the

academic quarter ending Febru-

ary 27, it was announced last

week by school officials. To be eli-

gible for the dean's list a student

must obtain an average grade of

not below 1. Young Spencer is

Ottis Jackson, of Kings Moun-

tain, arrived in Plymouth Mon-

day night for an extended visit.

A native of Plymouth, Mr. Jack-

son has made his home away from

here for the past 25 years and

for several years was an automobile dealer at Kings Mountain.

Steel Towers in Section

The U. S. Coast and Geodetic

Survey has recently erected steel

towers in this section in connect-

ion with a map survey, but few details are now available.

Fouts Speaker

service in rural areas and also in

J. L. Rea, a committee member,

introduced the speaker, the Rev.

outh Methodist Church, who

made an inspiring talk on the

the material things of life.

man of the committee.

Geodetic Survey Erects

majoring in industrial arts.

mend purchase of other units for

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One-Week Whirlwind Campaign Planned Under Di-

rection of Fund Chairman

The organization has been per-

feeted for the annual Red Cross fund drive in Washington County

and a whirlwind campaign will

be opened Monday of next week,

An overall county quota of \$2,-

750 will be sought. The canvass of the Plymouth business area

will begin next Monday and con-

tinue through Wednesday, it was

said. All Plymouth residential

The county and Negro divisions

will concentrate their efforts on

finishing up their solicitations

The organization and individ-

ual quotag were announced by

Ralph Hunter, county chapter chairman; Mrs. L. D. Jones, exe-

cutive secretary; Mr. Weaver, 1954 fund chairman; Mrs. Wood-

row Collins, publicity chairman;

County area chairman and

Plymouth: business and pro-

fessional, D. Marvin Weaver,

chairman; J. Roy Manning, James

H. Ward, Melvin Boyd, Raymond

Smith and Bob Howell, quota \$550;

Residential: Plymouth proper, Mrs. Lloyd Owens, \$400; Rich-wood, Miss Ida Davis, \$25; Still-

Brinkley Forest, Mrs. Walton Swain, \$25; Red Hill, Mrs. Ar-

thur Hardison, \$25; East Main

Street Extension, Lyman Mayo,

\$25; Winesett Circle, Jack House, jr., \$25; The Pines, Mrs. E. B.

Jones, \$25; The Fines, Mrs. Cedric Davenport, \$75; Pleased Grove, Mrs. W. W. Phelps, \$25; Roper, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Chesson,

\$200; Skinnersville, Mrs. Walter

White, \$25; Creswell, Gilbert As-

by, \$250; Cherry, Mrs. J. M. Dav-

enport, \$25; Long Ridge, Mrs. Fos-

acres, Mrs. C. McGowan,

during the week of the 15th.

Mr. Weaver as follows:

workers and quotas-

Fund Chairman D. Marvin Wea-

ver announced today.

D. Marvin Weaver

A home newspaper dedicated to the service of Washington County and its 13,000 people.

NEW SERVICE STATION AND BULK GASOLINE PLANT ON HIGHWAY 64



Pictured here are the new Amoco Service Station and bulk plant of Dallas G. Waters on Highway 64 by-pass, near the Plymouth Drive-In Theatre. The station recently opened for business, although a grand opening is planned for a later date. Mr. Waters is operating the station and will also distribute Amoco products in this immediate area.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Pupils Leave Sunday Dimes Campaign For National Capital French sorority. Miss Somerville is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Will March in **Azalea Parade**

The Plymouth High School band has received an invitation to take part in the 1954 Wilmington Azalea Parade to be held Saturday, March 27. The invitation came in the form of a letter from Fred J. Bouknight. chairman of the Band Committee, to Jack Horner, local Band Boosters president.

The letter state is be 1954 festival parade promises to be the largest and most attractive in the history of the event and added that there is a strong possibility that the parade will be televised. The local band has accepted the invitation and plans are now being made to charter buses and raise the necessary funds for

Among locations of the towers are sites here, at the junction of Blood Program Is N. C. 32 and the Turnpike Road, Jamesville, Macedonia, Mackeys be in field glass view of each

Telephone Service Mrs. Woodrow Collins, Publicity Chairman for An-**Bus Station Topics** nual Fund Drive Here, Issues Statement Of Roper Ruritans

Mrs. Woodrow Collins, publici-ty chairman for the annual Wash-Club Votes To Support Com-mittee in Asking for Im-drive, this week issued a stateington County Red Cross fund provements; Rev. D. L. ment praising the activities of the Red Cross and its local blood rye Keel, Wynne Lindsey, Jackie project in particular.

rural areas of Washington County time getting ready for its annual and a bus station at Roper were financial campaign and it is hoped topics for discussion at the March that local residents with the help meeting of the Roper Puritan of other parts of the county will Club last Thursday night. The meeting was held in the high week whirlwind campaign begin
Gilbert, A. Cox, George Waters, Cox school lunch room with 25 mem- ning next Monday," Mrs. Collins Larry Allen, Joe Ezzell, Gilbert colored chairman, P. W. Little-

The business session centered "Everyone is familiar with the around objectives of the rural operations of the Red Cross, as is utilities committee of the club. the case with most large organi-Members voted unanimously to zations," she continued. "Wash- lan Ganderson, Conley Carter, Wenona chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. graph Company to provide better

Principal J. S. Fleming Releases Names of 41 Stu- County Director Thos. F. denis Registered for 3-1 Day Trip

Forty-one students from Plymouth schools will leave by chartered bus Sunday for a three-day sight-seeing trip to the nation's apital, Principal J. S. Fleming, director, has announced. Mrs. Helen W. Peele, of the faculty, will serve as chaperon.

The group is scheduled to leave Plymouth at 7 a.m. to visit Mount Vernon and i.e. National Amount enroute and to arrive in Washing-ton at 5 p. m. Visits to the Congressional Library, Union Railway Station and Lincoln Museum (old Ford's Theatre) are slated for the evening.

On Monday the agenda calls for visits to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington Monument, Smithsonian Institute, National Museum, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the White House. Blair House and the Capitol in the morning and the National Gallery of Art, Rock Of Red Cross Aid National Cemetery, Robert E. Lee Mansion, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Amphitheatre and Jefferson Memorial in the afternoon. The return trip will begin at

Potomac Park Motor Court which s in the heart of the sightseeing district of Washington. Names of students registered for the trip were released by Mr.

Fleming as follows: Martha B. Rodman, Peggy Jackson, Brenda Warren, Marion Ragland, Marylan Ragland, Kath-Polk, Carol Owens, Mary Atamanchuck, Mary Stuart Joyner,

Leary. kin, John Wayne Ange, Jimmy and Larry Hopkins and Lowes Gilbert, A. Cox, George Waters, Mrs. Gladys Davenport; Creswell Tetterton, Lowell Bowen, Johnny john; Roper white chairman, Mrs. Marrow, Billy Bowen, Thomas Beulah Gaylord; Roper colored Sanderson.

Lloyd Owen, Harvie Hill, Alsupport the committee in asking the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company to provide better success with the blood program.

Wingate Kimbrough, Robert Lov-Oliver Stotesberry.

George Bagley, Owen Bishop, Again, the count Eddie Overton, Michael Garrett pressed his deep a ic, George Bagley, Owen Bishop, Eddie Overton, Michael Garrett and Sandy Williams.

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Completed With Net of \$3,108.00

Hopkins Releases Com-

Another highly successful March of Dimes campaign has been completed in Washington

All reports have been turned in to County Director Thos. F. Hopkins and the books show a total

The complete breakdown of funds and expenses was released by Mr. Hopkins this week. Sources of funds and amounts are as

Plymouth-house-to-house can vass, \$541.56; March of Dimes Ball, \$150.20; business contribut ions, \$249; parking meter donations (three days), \$85.56; white schools, \$1,099.36; coin collectors, \$246.49; colered school, \$97.74; Roper-white schools and community, \$169.93; colored schools

Mackeys-\$65:

Wenona-\$45;

Total-\$3,350.04.

Orchestra for March of Dimes Ball, \$75; prizes, \$25; tickets for dance, \$4.50; national supplies, miscellaneous, \$16.79

Mr. Hopkins was assisted in the drive by the following general erganization throughout the

County treasurer, Nick Ange; publicity chairman, James Bond; Plymouth business solicitations, Melvin Boyd; Plymouth white Better telephone service for Cross chapter is quite busy at this breth, Claudia Walker, Peggy Dick Norman; Plymouth colored Dick Norman; Plymouth colored chairman, A. R. Lord: material Charles Watson, Warnie Gur- distribution, A. J. Ange, Steve Moore; Creswell white chairman, chairman, E. V. Wilkins; Mackeys chairman, Mrs. Herbert Chesson;

Again, the county director expressed his deep appreciation of the fine response and his thanks to everyone who cooperated to put the annual campaign over the

Another Bridge-Canasta Party Set for Club Here

eign Wars has yielded to popular demand and will stage another bridge-canasta party at the Veterans Club here, auxiliary offic

be made and interested persons are requested to get their own

The party staged here recently by the auxiliary was a howling Sinnersville: Albert Ross Hol- success and since then officials

Report Unplanted Acreage to ASC Opens in County Monday

Any Part of Cotton or Peanut Allotment May Be Board of Equalization

Those farmers who have cotton and peanut allotments and who do not plan to plant all or any eport to the Agricultural Stabiliation Conservation office in the Washington County agriculture ouilding so that the acreage might be reapportioned to others who ave been drastically reduced.

It was explained that the farmr who is willing to reapportion his allotment will not lose his quotas, but that they will be retained and returned to him at any time. It is understood that a farmer who does not plan to use any part or all his allotment will be in line for reduction next year if that portion he does not plant this year is not reapportioned. The following statement rela-

ive to allotments was recently eleased by the ASC committee: Any part of your 1954 farm acreage allotment on which peanuts will not be produced may be voluntarily releas-ed by you "for 1954 only" for reallocation by the county commitee to other peanut farms in the ounty. If you intend to harvest in 1954 an acreage of peanuts less than your allotment, it is to your advantage, as well as to the ad in the county, for you to contact mary. the county committee immediateplete Breadown of Funds, ly and release to the committee that part of the allotment for o use in 1954.

> any part of the peanut allotment Township. for your farm will not operate

In many instances farm operators who did not harvest an acreage of peanuts in 1953 equal to at least 75 percent of the peanut alotment for their farms and who lid not release the unused portion of the peanut allotments to the ounty committee will find that their farms have been reduced.

If you intend to reduce your peanut acreage or to go out of from him to date. he business of raising peanuts Rumors this week were to the

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Expenses were listed as follows: Pre-School Survey Will Be Discussed

A discussion of the pre-school survey of children who will enter chool here for the first time next all will feature the regular meetng of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association next Tuesday afternoon at the high school. The meeting will be held in the uditorium and will open at 3:30

Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes Washington-Tyrrell school super visor, will give an outline of the course of study and pre-school program which she will conduct here for children who will enter chool next fall as beginners. A full attendance of PTA mem bers is urged by the president of the group, Mrs. Ben Ganderson It has been announced that a nur sery in charge of Mras. Elva Riddick will be provided in one of the classroms to take care of small children of PTA members.

Released for Reapportion- To Meet Here Monday

part of their quotas are asked to Monday of next week for the business in compliance with the purpose of examining and re- Machinery Act of 1919 will also viewing the tax listings of each be in order during the special ownship for the current year. The meeting will be held in

10:30 a. m. All matters relating to the

the abstracts should be brought ary 8.

The Washington County Board to the attention of the board at of Commissioners will sit as a the meeting, it was said. board of equalization and review The transaction of any other

The board will also hear any the office of the commissioners offers that anyone may wish to at the courthouse here and is make on all or parts of certain scheduled to open promptly at county-owned lands in the Wenona section which are up for sale.

At the regular monthly board equalization of property listed or meeting March 1, the commis the correction of any existing er- sioners rejected bids on the land rors that may have been found in received at public auction Febru-

area groups will kick-off on Thursday and continue through the following week. The industry division will get underway next Monday and continue through the following week.

Commissioner Race Gets Another Entry

Philip M. Spruill, Farmer of Cherry Section, Enters Race for Board From Scuppernong

At least a three-way contest is ssured in one local political race vantage of other peanut farmers in the coming Democratic pri-

Last Thursday Philip M. Spruill, farmer who lives in the Cherry section, came to town, your farm that you do not intend paid his filing fee, and announced himself a candidate for county The release for 1954 only of commissioner from Scuppernong

The action made three hats in to educe the allotment for the the ring for the post. Previously, Douglas W. Davenport, farmer of wise would be unless the farm the Lake Phelps section, and Inbecomes ineligible for an old farm cumbent Harry W. Pritchett, of \$3,350.04 raised. Expenses of all tment in 1955 because no peaconducting the drive were held were picked or threshed on the farm in 1952, 1953, or 1954.

The newest candidate for the office is a native of the Creswell section where he has engaged in farming for several years. Mr Spruill is a member and strong supporter of Philippi Church of Christ, So far as could be learned the 1954 peanut allotments for their farms have been reduced for the first time. The Beacon has not received any statemen

permanently, it is recommended that you come to the office of the county committee and release for county representative. Dr. J. Pointed as Proof

Creek Park, National Cathedral, and community, \$100;

Creek Park, National Cathedral the Pea Ridge section, have al-

> ready announced for the office. Street rumors also have it that ncumbents will face opposition in the races for sheriff and clerk of court, but no announcements

Unit Gets 174 Pints on Visit

Thirty-three first-time donors and what was described as "wonderful response" from the ladies aided materially in boosting the amount of blood donated on the bloodmobile unit visit here Wednesday to 174 pints, 24 pints over the quota.

Out of 194 who showed up as donors, 20 were rejected. Re-freshments were furnished and served by the Daughters of the American Revolution and the American Legion Auxiliary. Further details will be published next week.

THESE CRESWELL SOLDIERS COMPLETING AIR FORCE BASIC TRAINING

The four young men pictured above all hail from Creswell and all are completing their basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base, the "Gateway to the Air Force," near San Antonio, Texas. Their basic military training is preparing them for entrance into Air Force technical and for assignment in specialized work. The course includes a scientific evaluation of each soldier's aptitude and inclination for following a particular vocation or career. Shown, left to right, are Ronald L. Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Barnes; James M. Clifton, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Clifton; William R. Peal, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Peal; and Alvah W. Alexander, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Alexander.

TO PREACH HERE



sor of Old Testament Interpre-tation and Hebrew at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, will preach at the morning and evening hours of worship in the Ludford Memorial Baptist Church next Sunday. The public is extended a very cordial invitation to come and hear this distinguished scholar and

Hail Insurance

Per Acre Cost Increased From \$4 to \$4.50; Lower Of \$4.50 to \$4

Washington County is among the 22 counties in the state in which the cost of hail insurance on tobacco has been raised, pursuant to a filing made by the ment of Insurance.

been upped to \$4.50 in this coun- Bankers' Association.

The filing included a new cropin effect is a 10 per cent deduc-See INSURANCE, Page 12

ter Ange, \$25; Wenona, Mrs. Glenn Furbee, \$25; Negro county chairman, E. V. Wilkins, overall quota, \$500; Plymouth schools, A. R. Lord; Plymouth residential, Mrs. Gladys Hassell Pettiford; Roper, T. A. Wilkins; Creswell, P. W. Littlejohn (tentative).

Plymouth Girl Is Hiked in County County Winner in **Speaking Contest**

Rate in Beaufort County
Of \$4.50 to \$4 Group I Elimination at Greenville Next Thursday

Miss Betty Davenport, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Davenport, of Plymouth, will represent North Carolina Fire Insurance Washington County in the Group Rating Bureau with the Depart- I elimination at Greenville next nent of Insurance.

The old per acre rate of \$4 has sponsored by the North Carolina Miss Davenport won first prize.

a \$25 savings bond donated by haif policy for tobacco providing the local banks, in the county coverage for loss by fire, aircraft, contest held at Roper Wednesday contest held at Roper Wednesday lightning, and livestock until the afternoon. Second prize, \$10 in tobacco is cut or primed. These merchandise donated by Belkperils have not heretofore been Tyler's of Plymouth, went to covered. In addition, a new endorsement tenmed "Excess Over third prize, \$5 in merchandise, 10 per cent Loss' was filed. This donated by L. S. Thompson, Plymouth, was awarded to Becky Gaylord, of Roper.

Judges were the Rev. D. L. Fouts, 'D. Marvin Weaver and Mrs. J. F. Jordan. Subject of the contest is "The

Big Change."

Winner in the group contest next week will compete with other Eastern group winners in the Division contest at Wilson March 24 and the winner at Wilson will go to the finals at Raleigh on March 31.

Counting prizes won in the various eliminations the State winner will receive a total of \$1,625 in prizes. The finals winner receives \$1,00 at Raleigh, while second prize is \$500, and third is \$250.

Everett Appointed To Roper School Committee

Henry Everett has been appointed by the county board of education to succeed Aubrey Phelps as a member of the Roper school committee, it has been an-

Mr. Phelps resigned.

asking Carolina Trailways to secure a bus station in the town of Roper. Tom W. Norman is chairman of the committee. List of Jurors Drawn The rural church committee For April Court Term was in charge of the program. Dwight L. Fouts, pastor of Plym-

The list of jurors to serve durion McNair, Jack Harden Britt, ing the April civil term of Washington, County, Superior, Court, Maitland; power of love, truth and other ington County Superior Court intangibles, pointing out that was drawn by the county com- James T. Davenport, John G. these were more important than

President Ralph Hughes presided over the meeting, with Harservice, 10 from Scuppernong, eight from Lees Mill and six from Lees Mill: H. G. Spruill, Alold F. Brown leading the singing and Mr. Fouts making the invocation. A delicious fish supper Skinnersville.

was served by members of the Roper High School junior class. Roper High School junior class.

Immediately following the meal a new member, Vance Respass, tie, Lyman Elks, O. C. Manning,

Plymouth: M. V. Holbrook, Chesson, Freeman Clark, William F. Allen and C. W. Pierce;
Sinnersville: Albert Ross Hol-

Scuppernong: A. J. Furlough. missioners in regular session here Woodley, Irving Ambrose, Joseph A. Furlough, Mitchell E. Spear, Fifteen persons from Plymouth J. R. Davenport, Leroy M. Com-Township were drawn for jury stock, Melton C. Phelps and Mer-

bert Hufton, James H. Satterth- tables up and notify Mrs. Hazel The list, by townships, follows: waite, T. H. Rosenthal, R. C. Hedgebeth, phone 419-1.

a new member, Vance Respass, tie, Lyman Elks, O. C. Manning, was formally received into the club by Vice President Bryan Willie Arnold, J. H. Boone, Louis Harris.

Sinnersville: Albert Ross Hollows ton, M. B. Davenport, J. J. Sawhave been besieged with requests for another such event. A large attendance is anticipated.

The auxiliary of Bosie Bateman Post No. 4023, Veterans of For-

ials announced this week. The party has been set for Thursday, March 25, at 8 p. m. A nominal admission charge will