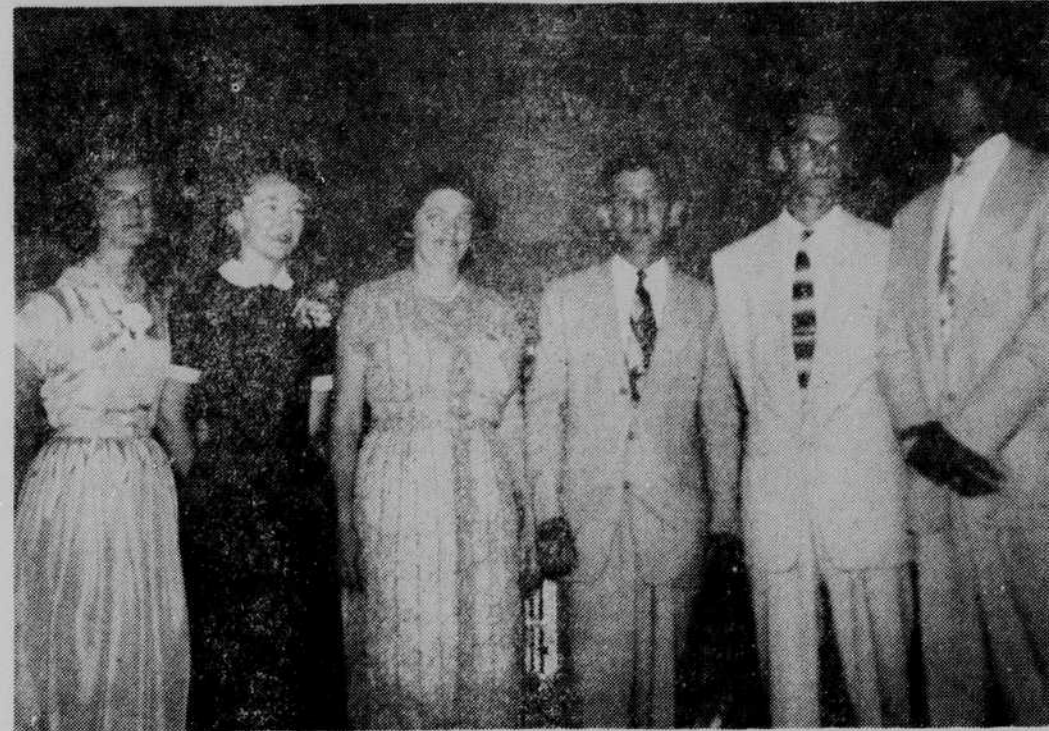


### OFFICERS AND CLASS ADVISORS OF ROPER FHA AND FFA CHAPTERS



Above are the presidents, vice presidents and advisors of the Roper chapters of the Future Homemakers of America and Future Farmers of America at the first annual mother-daughter and father-son banquet held last Friday night in the Roper High School auditorium. Left to right they are: Miss Juanita Hassell, vice president, Miss Rebecca Gaylord, president, and Mrs. Beulah W. Gaylord, home economics instructor and advisor of the FFA chapter; Mitchiner Banks, vocational agriculture teacher and advisor, Lloyd Jones, president, and Benny Harrison, vice president of the FFA chapter.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Much of the preliminary work has been completed and state highway crews were due to start on surfacing a number of local streets Wednesday morning here. The work was contracted for some time ago by the city council, but actual surfacing has been held up until all the streets were graded and gravel applied.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Beam, Dr. and Mrs. C. McGowan and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Liverman have returned from Pinehurst, where the mentfolk took part in a Southern Seniors golf tournament Saturday and Sunday. Dr. McGowan also attended a meeting of the state medical society there last week, and Mr. Beam was at a meeting of the North Carolina Bankers Association Monday. Mr. Liverman just went down to play golf. Beam had low net score in his age group Saturday, when they played the No. 1 course, but he said yesterday "The No. 2 course (which they played Sunday) was not made for old men."

Miller Warren, chief of the Plymouth Fire Department, and H. O. Lovic, member of the local department and chief of the pulp mill's firemen, attended the North Carolina Fire College and Drill School at Charlotte last week. The school began Monday and ran through Thursday, with daily demonstrations and drills and lecture sessions each night. It was sponsored by the State Firemen's Association.

Several people reported they saw frost Tuesday morning, May 11, making the latest frost recorded here in many years. While there have been no reports of frost damage, the cool dry weather has been tough on many field crops, especially tobacco, and high winds helped break down many of the plants as late as Tuesday afternoon.

County School Superintendent Roy F. Lowry and School Supervisor Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes and Mr. Barnes, of Plymouth, attended the meeting of the Albemarle Schoolmasters at Parkersburg Hotel, Nags Head, Monday. Others from the county who attended included Principal H. F. Brown, of Roper; Principal and Mrs. R. B. Cobb, W. E. Bateman, Mrs. Viola P. Smithson, Miss Madeline Alexander and Mrs. Hester D. Mason, of Creswell.

### Roper Methodist Churches to Hear Former Head SBI

Walter F. Anderson will be guest speaker at three services in Roper Church next Sunday.

The three Methodist churches of the Roper church will have as guest speaker Sunday, May 16, Walter F. Anderson, well-known former state official and Methodist churchman. The worship services at which Mr. Anderson will speak are as follows: Pleasant Grove, 10 a. m.; Mackeys, 11:15 a. m.; and Roper, 8 p. m.

Mr. Anderson is director of camp activities of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church and associate secretary of the conference board of church extension. The conference is composed of seven districts in the eastern half of the state and promotes the program of 798 local congregations.

Before accepting full-time work for the Methodist Church, Mr. Anderson served as peace officer in several capacities in North Carolina. Joining the police department of Winston-Salem as a patrolman in 1925, he became chief of the department in 1935. He became chief of the Charlotte police department in 1942, where he served until he was appointed director of the State Bureau of Investigation in 1946. 1951 he became director of prisons for the state, serving in that capacity until 1953, when he became a full-time employee of the Methodist church.

Mr. Anderson is a very forceful speaker and will be heard with interest and profit. He has been influential in organizing several new congregations during the last conference year.

### Town Well Represented at Festival

Plymouth will be well represented at the Albemarle Potato Festival in Elizabeth City Friday and Saturday of this week. Miss Jane Crofton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Crofton, of Plymouth, will represent Washington County in the queen's contest, and the Plymouth High School Band will take part in the mammoth parade set for Saturday.

Miss Crofton was one of three finalists out of 39 entrants in the recent Miss WTAR-TV queen's contest at Norfolk, Va. She was crowned "Miss Washington County" at the veterans' ball here last Saturday night, with Miss Betty Ann Burnham, also of Plymouth, who won the potato festival queen's contest last year, doing the honors.

The high school band, under the direction of Edward Taylor, has made wonderful progress since the start of the school year, and is well able to hold its own in the parade, which will feature 34 marching bands. Quite a number of local people are expected to go over for the festivities Saturday, including the parade in the morning and crowning of the festival queen at the coronation ball Saturday night.

The line-up of dignitaries to attend the festival include Governor William B. Umstead, Lieutenant Governor Luther B. Hodges, Ex-Governor W. Kerr Scott, Senator Alton Lennon, Canadian Minister of Agriculture James Garfield Gardner, and many others.

### Saturday Final Day Register for Primary

**Tobacco Hurt By Cold Spell**

The recent cold dry weather has had a bad effect on many tobacco fields in the county, it was learned this week. Some farmers have had a hard time getting their plants to live, while others report very good success, according to County Agent W. H. Pruden.

Pruden said some farmers were reporting stands as low as 60 per cent, while others said their stands were better than 90 per cent. Those without good plant beds have been having a hard time getting enough plants for replanting. Some farmers have been going as far away as Wilson to get plants, the farm agent stated. Recent weather has also been mighty good for insect pests of all kinds, and heavy loss is expected in that respect.

### Free Inspection Given 300 Autos

More than 300 car owners have taken advantage of the free inspection service being offered by three local dealers since the program was offered two weeks ago, it was learned yesterday. Most of the car owners made the necessary repairs and their cars are now displaying the green safety stickers showing they are in good shape.

Walker-Darden Motor Company, Manning Motor Company and House Chevrolet Company are the three firms offering the free inspections, which are entirely voluntary on the part of the car owner. Up to yesterday, House Chevrolet Company was leading with about 150 cars inspected, Manning Motor Company was next with about 85 and Walker-Darden had checked about 75 cars.

Only five cars had been rejected by the dealers. Most of those inspected are late-model cars, it was explained, and only minor repairs are needed to make them eligible for the approved sticker. From 40 to 60 per cent of the cars inspected thus far have needed some repairs or adjustments, some as little as a light bulb.

### Books Close at Sundown May 15; Few Persons Have Registered So Far in County, Reports Show

Saturday of this week is the last day for registering in order to vote in the Democratic primary on Saturday, May 29. Registrars will be at the six polling places in the county until sundown Saturday, May 15, for the purpose of registering those who have not registered previously, or for those who have become qualified or moved since the last election.

There is very little evidence of interest in politics this year, and that is reflected in the few new names being put on the poll books since they were opened on May 1. A few transfers have been recorded and still fewer have changed their party affiliation in the past few weeks. Saturday, May 22, will be challenge day.

Plymouth Precinct No. 2 still leads in registration on the basis of meager reports yesterday. Mrs. C. A. Cratch, registrar, said eight new voters had been registered in the precinct. She had only one or two transfers and one person to change his party affiliations. C. L. Blount, registrar for Plymouth Precinct No. 2, said only two new voters had been put on the books there, but he has had nine to transfer from other precincts.

There are no official reports from other precincts in the county, but it is understood several have changed their party affiliation in Scuppernon Township since the books opened.

W. T. Freeman, chairman of the county board of elections, said he had requested all registrars to let him know how many registered each week-end, but up to yesterday he had not heard from any of the registrars.

### Rogerson Infant Rites Held Here Last Friday

Graveside rites were held at the Windley cemetery here last Friday morning at 11 o'clock for the infant son of Rodney L. Rogerson and Mrs. Pauline Biggs Rogerson, of Plymouth. The child was born dead at the Washington County Hospital on Thursday.

### County Precincts Pick Committees; Delegates Named

Democratic precinct committees were set up in at least five of the six county precincts last Saturday morning, according to reports reaching here. It could not be learned if a meeting was held in Wenona, but sessions were held at the other five polling places in accordance with the call issued last week by Carl L. Bailey, chairman of the county Democratic executive committee.

Where meetings were held, five members were elected to each of the precinct committees, including two women, one of whom is to be vice chairman. However, not all of the precincts have sent in their reports yet, and the names of some of the committee members are not known here.

Interest was reported at the lowest ebb in recent years at the precinct meetings. So far as could be learned, Plymouth Precinct No. 1 had the largest gathering, with about 7 or 8 Democrats in attendance. There were only 4 at the No. 2 precinct here; and somewhere around these numbers at other precincts from whom reports were heard.

Delegates were supposed to be from each precinct to attend the county convention on Saturday of this week. Due to the small attendance, however, most of the precincts simply designated all Democrats who wished to attend as delegates to vote the full strength of the precinct.

Democrats of Plymouth Precinct No. 1 met at the courthouse and elected the following to the precinct committee: J. R. Campbell, chairman; Mrs. James H. Ward, vice chairman; Mrs. Ros-

### Mrs. Pritchard Rites Thursday

Mrs. Ida Pritchard, widow of the late W. T. Pritchard, of Plymouth, died at her home here Wednesday of last week at 3:45 p. m., following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Pritchard, who was 78 years of age, had been in declining health for about four years and had been confined to her bed for the past six months.

### Two Local Banks Offer Scholarship For Short Course

Will Be Given to County Youth Who Intends to Make Farming Career; May 22 Deadline

Some Washington County young men will get a free scholarship to a short course in modern farming, offered by the two Plymouth banking institutions. It was learned last week from County Agent W. H. Pruden. The short course will be held at State College in Raleigh from June 21 to July 2, and applications for the free scholarship should be made not later than May 22.

The Branch Banking & Trust Company and the Planters National Bank & Trust Company, of Plymouth, will send one county youth who intends to remain on the farm to the short course, which is sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers' Association with the extension service cooperating. The youth selected will be the one who, in the estimation of the bankers and county agent, would benefit most from the type of information offered.

Young farmers who plan to make farming their career and who are unable to attend a full college course are urged by the bankers to attend the short course. It is believed that through the type of instruction offered young men can more adequately qualify themselves to make a profit on the farm. Both Plymouth banks are interested in improving agricultural income in this section, which is the reason they are offering the free scholarship.

Those interested in applying for the scholarship should apply to H. E. Beam, of the Branch Bank; Marvin Weaver, of the Planters Bank; or to W. H. Pruden, county agent. Applications will be processed on a first-come first-served basis, plus other considerations. Applications must be received by the above committee by May 22nd for processing. For more detailed information, see any of the three committees.

### Dr. Ryland White Dies in Atlanta

Dr. James Ryland White, Plymouth native and prominent physician of Atlanta, Ga., died at his home there Tuesday night after an illness of 16 months.

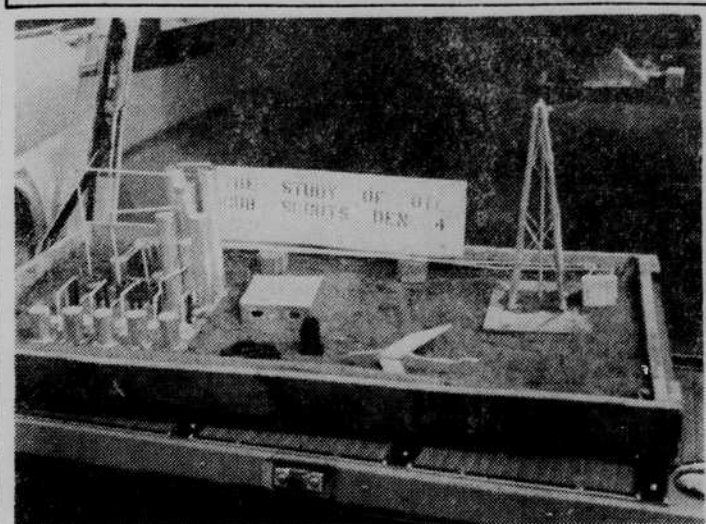
Son of Mrs. W. R. White and the late Mr. White, of Plymouth, Dr. White was born here on September 19, 1902. After graduating from Plymouth High School in 1920, he attended Wake Forest College, where he graduated in 1924. He then attended Emory University and received his M. D. degree there in 1924.

He located in Atlanta, where he practiced medicine for the past 23 years, serving on the staff of several hospitals there.

Complete details as the final rites were not known here yesterday, but the funeral is being held in Atlanta Thursday morning, with interment to follow in Westview Cemetery there.

### County Democratic Meet To Be Held Here Saturday

#### EXAMPLE OF CUB SCOUT HANDICRAFT DISPLAYED



This sand-table model of an oil-drilling rig and refinery was made by Plymouth Club Scout members of Den 4 and displayed at a meeting in the Episcopal Parish House recently. The Rev. E. M. Spruill is cubmaster of the Plymouth Cub Scout Pack; Mrs. W. F. Ruffin is den mother of Den 4 with Mrs. Chester Brewer assistant and Harvie Hill as den chief. Members of the den are: Eddie Arrants, Conrad Cox, Stanley Brewer, Tommy Hopkins, Freddie Ruffin, Tommy Jackson, Eddie Womble, Logan Womble and Jimmy Feede.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

### Lamb Sale Set Here On Tuesday, May 25

County Agent Urges Growers Planning To Ship Lambs To Notify Him of Number at Once

The first cooperative lamb sale of the season will be held here on Tuesday, May 25, County Agent W. H. Pruden said this week. The sale will be held at the Atlantic Coast Line pens on East Water Street, beginning at 7 a. m., and all lambs to be shipped that day must be here by 10 a. m., the agent stated.

Mr. Pruden mailed out letters this week asking all those who intend to offer lambs at the sale to notify him of the number they will have at once. This information must be on hand not later than May 21 in order to order the number of cars necessary.

Lambs are expected from Tyrell, Chowan, Washington, Martin, Bertie, Beaufort, Pamlico and Carteret Counties, and possibly a few others. Last year, the sale was held on May 29, and 634 lambs were received here. The top price was \$29 per 100 at that time. While the price outlook is not quite as good, producers are hoping the lambs will bring approximately as much this year.

Marketing and livestock specialists of the State College Extension Service and Department of Agriculture will be here to assist in the sale, Pruden stated. They will start weighing and grading at 7 a. m. and all lambs must be in the shed by 10 a. m.

The county agent advises all farmers to sell every lamb possible at the first sale this year. A second sale was held last year, but prices were not as good and some lambs were lost through parasites in the meantime, he said.

### Require Permits For Construction

City Clerk W. A. Roebuck this week reminded prospective builders that state law requires building permits for all remodeling and new buildings costing \$500 or more. Contractors and carpenters starting such jobs are required to see that permits have been issued before beginning work, he stated.

Anyone planning buildings, or improvements costing \$500 or more should apply at the office of the city clerk here for permits. A fee of \$1 is charged for such permits, with an inspection fee of 25 cents per room also to be charged.

### Mackeys Soldier Now in Germany

Kaiserslautern, Germany.—Pvt. William M. Everett, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Everett, of Mackeys, N. C., recently joined Seventh Army in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Combat units of Seventh Army form a major part of the strong cordon of American defense force stretching across the U. S. Zone of Germany.

Everett, a communications man in the 45th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion's Battery B, last served at Camp Stewart, Ga. Before entering the Army in April 1953, he was employed by the State Highway Department in Mackeys.

### CANDIDATE AND A JUNIOR CAMPAIGN MANAGER



Little Miss Cecilia Marrow, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Marrow, of Plymouth, apparently was not too much impressed with U. S. Senatorial Candidate W. Kerr Scott at the time this photo was made when the former governor visited here briefly a few weeks ago. However, she warmed up to him later, and last week she received an ornate certificate appointing her a "Scott Junior Campaign Manager." That's her daddy over on the right.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

### Will Name Delegates to District and State Convention Next Week; Also Choose County Chairman

Washington County Democrats will hold their biennial convention in the county courthouse here Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, pursuant to call issued last week by Carl L. Bailey, chairman of the county Democratic executive committee. The county Democratic organization will be perfected at the convention, and delegates will be selected for the party's district and state conventions to be held in Raleigh on Thursday of next week.

At the meeting Saturday, each precinct will have one vote for every 25 Democratic votes cast for governor in the 1952 election. According to that formula, county precincts will have the following number of votes in the convention Saturday: Plymouth No. 1, 22; Plymouth No. 2, 34; Lees Mill, 16; Skippersville, 4; Scuppernon, 10; and Wenona, 1.

Under the Democratic Party plan of organization, Washington County will be entitled to 14 votes in the state convention next week, and the convention Saturday is entitled to elect one delegate and one alternate for each vote, or 28 in all. This is based on one vote for every 150 Democratic votes cast for governor in the last general election. Washington County cast 2,166 votes for Governor William B. Umstead in November, 1952, giving it 14 votes next week, a comparison with only 12 votes in the 1952 convention.

The county Democratic executive committee will also be organized at the convention here Saturday morning. The chairman of each precinct committee is automatically a member of the county executive committee. They will elect a chairman, vice chairman and secretary, who need not be members of the executive committee, but all of the officers will be ex-officio members of the committee after their election.

Precinct chairmen elected at meetings last Saturday, who automatically become members of the executive committee, will be:

### Planning To Open Vegetable Market About June First

Crops Retarded by Cold Dry Weather Recently; Large Number Buying Firms Showing Interest

Plans are rapidly shaping up for opening of the produce auction market here around the first of June, it was learned this week. W. T. Freeman, James H. Ward and W. M. Darden returned last week-end after spending a week in the north and said a large number of buying concerns would be represented when the market opens.

Mr. Freeman said they got in touch with about 150 produce-buying concerns in Norfolk, Richmond, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York while they were away. While not all of them will be represented here, a large percentage indicated they would be. In addition they have received information that prospective buyers in this section will be here, including Bethel, Edenton, New Bern, Beaufort and Elizabeth City.

Opening of the market now depends on the growing season, which has been retarded in this area by the recent cold, dry spell. Mr. Freeman expects to be able to announce the opening date by next week.

It was stated that prospects are favorable for several crops to be produced in the 18 counties served by the local market. Snap beans probably will be the first crop to come on the market, and Mr. Freeman said the South Carolina crop had been cut short, which improves local prospects. Prospects are also said to be favorable for both pepper and tomatoes, due to acreage cuts in other sections.