Miss Elizabeth Lowry Bowen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bowen, of Petersburg, and niece

High School in exercises at Cam-

eron Field Friday of this week. Miss Bowen is salutatorian of her

have visited here a number of

times and Mr. Bowen will be re-

membered by many of the golfing

fraternity at the local Country

Williford, of Plymouth, is leaving

Friday morning for New York to

join a party of 38 University of

France, Belgium, Holland, Ger-

many and Switzerland on the

with honor from the university

night, where she was on the

dean's list, receiving the degree

of A.B. in elementary education

Fred Allen Davenport, a rising

sophomore at East Carolina Col-

lege, Greenville, made the Dean's

list for the Spring quarter. To at-

tain this honor one must make

two and one-half quality points

per credit hour of work taken.

He made the honor roll for both

the preceding Fall and Winter

ers of America, Varsity Glee

studies minor, was graduated from Plymouth High School as

salutatorian of the Class of 1953.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

E. L. Davenport, of Route 1,

The county farm agent, W. H.

have been away from their offi-

ces this week attending the an-

of this week.

of Education Monday

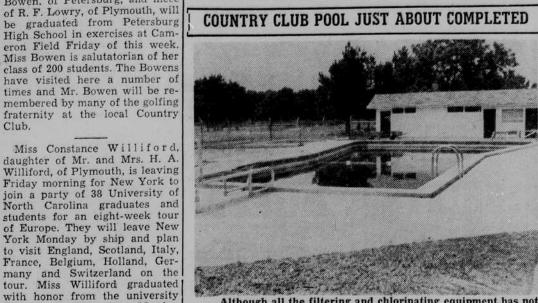
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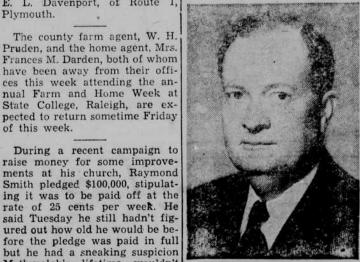
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#### COUNTRY CLUB POOL JUST ABOUT COMPLETED



Although all the filtering and chlorinating equipment has not been received and installed, the new swimming pool at the Country Club of Plymouth has been "tried out" by a number of members already. It is expected to be ready for formal opening about June 15. Practically all construction work, including the concession stand and shower rooms in the background, has been completed. Area of the pool is approximately 1,800 square feet. It is 68 feet long, 38 feet wide at the shallow end and 30 feet wide at the deep end, with the depth ranging from 3½ to 9 feet. There is also a wading pool for small children located at one end of the main pool. Club directors recently voted to close membership list of the club when it reaches 200 and, due to the recent influx of new members there are only about 20 vacancies left.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

#### quarters and holds membership with the Future Business Lead-Club, and the Baptist Student Union. Mr. Davenport, a business Is \$2, Same as Before education major and a social



week. Dr. Daniel is recognized

as one of the foremost scholars of the United States in the field

of the Old Testament. For many

the Baptist Seminary of Fort

Worth, Texas, and during the

past few years has been pro-

fessor at Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest. Services will be

held each evening at 8 o'clock,

with a morning service begin-

ning on Tuesday, the time to be

announced. The public is cor-dially invited to hear Dr. Dan-

Young Farmer To

Get Instructions

been chosen to represent Wash-

ington County at the short course

The course will be conducted

sored by the Agricultural com-

iel from June 13-20.

vears he was a profes

ments at his church, Raymond Smith pledged \$100,000, stipulating it was to be paid off at the rate of 25 cents per week. He said Tuesday he still hadn't figured out how old he would be before the pledge was paid in full but he had a sneaking suspicion Methuselah's lifetime wouldn't Dr. R. T. Daniel, professor of hardly give him a running start. Old Testament interpretation at Southeastern Theological Seminary, will preach in revival services at the Ludford Memorial Baptist Church all next

#### **Local Youngster Suffers** Bad Cut in Fall on Boat

George Smith, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith, received a serious cut on his left leg just below the knee last Friday. He was taking an outboard motor off a boat when he slipped and fell, his knee being cut on a glass bottle in the boat.

The accident occured at Germantown Bay, near Leechville, where Mr. Smith and two of his sons had been fishing. The youngter was brought back to the hospital here, where Dr. E. W. Furgurson took more than a dozen stitches to close the cut. George remained in the hospital over the week-end, but was said yesterday to be about ready to return home.

#### Plymouth Young Man Is Graduate at Fishburne

Cadet Sgt. Donald H. Somerville, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Somerville, of Plymouth, was R. C. State College, Raleigh, on graduated May 30 at Fishburne June 21-July 2. Military School at Waynesboro, Va. Diplomas were presented to cadets following the baccalau- N. C. State College and is sponreate sermon on Sunday.

mittee of the North Carolina During his senior year Cadet Bankers Association, of which Somerville was football manager both Plymouth banks are memand a member of the fencing, basketball and track teams, the bers. YMCA and glee club. His escort for the concluding exercises was of Plymouth, in commenting on Miss Dolly Stover, of Waynes- the selection of young Sexton to boro, who presented him formal- take the course, stated his belief ly with his Fishburne class ring at that the young man would profit the final ball on Saturday night. greatly by the instruction offered.

**Crop Measurements** 

**Now Half Complete** 

halfway mark in this county. Mrs. Florence Parrisher Oliver is

big acreage-measurement project work, while a crew of 15 report-

is June 30. Secretary Miriam Aus- ers is working under supervision

bon of the county ASC office here stated Wednesday that the job should be finished by the The work of measuring in-

Monday, joining the staff already satisfactorily, it was said.

Budget Approved Exactly As Submitted at Monthly Council Meeting Here on months. Monday Night

Town Council approved the budget for 1954-55 exactly as the estimate was submitted, subject to action of the Local Government Commission, Raleigh, and calling for a tax rate of \$2 on the That was the principal business.

the year 1953-54. A committee from the Plym-

outh Junior Chamber of Com-merce appeared before the board concerning use of the ball park for a proposed summer softball league but was referred to the county board of education, the

park being school property.

The budget calls for \$125,910-45 for the new fiscal year, compared with \$121,063.21 for 1953-Water Depa

The appropriation for the Fire Department was sharply reduced. from an appropriation of \$15,832-.21 in 1953-54 to only \$7,800 for the new fiscal year. The chief difference here was in the appropriation for the new fire department building, calling for \$8,-632.21 for the preceding year as against only \$500 for the new

The big item of change in the Water Department appropriation was that of water and sewer extension, where \$2,225 was listed in 1953-54 budget. All the money that was left after figuring other essentials was lumped together under this heading in the new Billy Sexton, of Plymouth, has budget which calls for \$22,192.45 for water and sewer extension Although this was ear-marked in modern farming to be held at for no special project or projects, it is generally understood that it will go principally to resolving tough sewage problems by the School of Agriculture at now existing in the Village.

For the Water Department as a whole, the appropriation was upped from \$16,475 in the 1953-54 budget to \$31,842.45 in the 1954-55 budget.

#### Two From County County Agent W. H. Pruden, Graduate at UNC

Two Washington County young people were among the 1600 who received degrees at the 160th commencement exercises at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill Monday night. They are Miss Constance Williford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Williford, of Plymouth, who re-Two additional rotometer operators were added this week to Phelps and Mrs. Leta Faye ceived the degree of bachelor of arts in elementary education; and the clerical staff in the county of the Copeland and Miss Mary County Commissioner and Mrs. performance work now at the Osborne Brown, of Plymouth. Harry W. Pritchett, of Creswell who received the degree of bach-Deadline for completion of the in full charge of all performance elor of arts in history.

Graduation exercises were held in Kenan stadium, with Dr. Andrew J. Warren, director of the Rockefeller Foundation's division Masonic Order, former deacon of The work of measuring in- of medicine and public health, as dividual farm acreage allotment the principal speaker. Mr. and Misses Louise Spruill, of Cres- plantings of all crops under con- Mrs. Pritchett, of Creswell, and member and active deacon of well, and Marianna Respass, of trol and redetermination of all Mr. and Mrs. Williford, of Plym-Wenona, assumed their duties county cropland is progressing outh,d were among those in attendance at the finals program.

#### Call for Eleven Men for July 12

Both pre-induction and induction calls on Local Board No. 95 here are slated for July 12, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter,

board clerk, reports. Eight registrants of the board are due to be sent by bus to the Raleigh Reception Center at that time for their pre-induction examinations, and three men have been called for in-duction on that date.

#### Official Returns Certified After Canvass Monday

Scott Had Clear Majority for trict Senators

Official returns for the primary on May 29 were certified Monday following a canvass by the state board of elections in Raleigh. The figures showed that W. Kerr Scott had a majority over six opponents for the regular term of U. S. Senator, although he failed by a small margin of receiving a majority for the short erm, which lasts only from the time of the election in November until Congress convenes in January, a period of about two by D. R. Satterthwaite and later

Although Scott failed of a majority for the short term, it is the matter of a boundary contra-understood that Senator Alton diction in the deed for the Brooks At its regular monthly session Lennon will not exercise his right to call for a second primary for Lennon will not exercise his right the two-month term. Thus Scott is expected to go to Washington shortly after the election in November.

The final official vote showed Scott received 312,053 votes for boundaries were then agreed to. \$100 valuation, same as last year. the regular term. Senator Lennon received 286,730 and the vote About the only other action of the other five candidates was taken at the session was the hir-ing of the firm of Williams & 7,999; Henry L. Sprinkle, 2,548; to e.f. and protound thanks to the Wall to audit the town books for W. M. Bostick, 1,293; A. E. Tur-splendid work accomplished dur-

For the short term Scott received 274,674 votes to 264,265 for of illness in the family. Lennon, 12,312 for Wingfield and 5,013 for Sprinkle. Turner, Bostick and Boyd did not file for the short term.

The state canvass also showed that Solicitor Elbert S. Peel, of Williamston, received a majority of 4.101 in the race for second 54. Principal changes are in the district solicitor; and also that appropriations for the Plymouth Edward L. Owens, of Plymouth, Volunteer Fire Department and and L. H. Ross, of Washington, were winners in the race for second district state senators.

The vote for second district so-licitor was as follows: Peel, 15,-355; Hubert E. May, of Nashville, 11,254. In the second senatorial Ross, 8,130; Owens, 5,916; and sent. Martin Kellogg, jr., of Manteo, 4 296 Since there are two senators from the second district, Ross and Owens were nominated.

#### Father of Local Woman Passes in Kinston Hospital

Services Held Last Wednesday Afternoon for Mark Melvin Boyd of the VFW. Farmer, Church Leader

Funeral services were held from Deep Run First Baptist Church, near Kinston, last Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. for Mark N. Smith, father of Mrs. Carlyle Hall, of Plymouth.

Officiating was the Rev. Richard Whitley, of Kinston. Inter-ment was in Westview Cemetery near Kinston

One of Eastern Carolina's bestknown farmers and church leaders, Mr. Smith died in a Kinstor hospital Monday afternoon following an extended period of failing health. He was a native of Woodington Township, Lenoir County, son of the late John Green Smith and Arrah Smith, of Duplin County.

Mr. Smith was engaged in extensive farming operations and maintained an active interest in civic and church affairs as long as his health permitted. Among his several positions of trust were listed that of county commission-er for a period of 12 years and membership on the Deep Run school committee. He was a mem ber of Pleasant Hill Lodge of the Bethel Baptist Church and one of the founders as well as a charter Deep Run Church.

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Education Board Takes Action Monday for Four New Classrooms and Lunchroom "Soon as Possible"

unanimously that construction of four classrooms and a lunchroom on the campus of the school be Motion was offered by Board outh, and seconded by Plymouth's other representative on the five-man board, Mrs. K. S. Trow-Senator; Owens and Ross bridge. A special survey committee had reported March 10th of Nominated as Second Dis- this year that this was an immediate need for the school.

The education board also au thorized confirming of the sale of the much-auctioned Macedonia sixth auction date, May 22, for \$3,300. Kochelis had been the successful high bidder on three Plymouth Market other previous occasions but each time the bid was upset by the Macedonia A. M. E. Zion Church. Twice prior to that, the property had been auctioned, W. T. Freeman being the high bidder each time, but his bid was upset first by the church group.

Also settled at the meeting was diction in the deed for the Brooks School property, sold to Mrs. Mabel Griffin The board invited both Mrs. Griffin and M. T. Sitterson, who owns land on two sides of the school, to attend the board meeting in order to resolve the difference. The exact present

The board members voted to reluctantly accept the resignation of Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes as splendid work accomplished durner, 2,361; and Olla Ray Boyd, ing her tenure. Mrs. Barnes resigned effective June 15 to return to her home at Lucama, because

#### Can Volunteer at Local **Board Office, Courthouse**

Any person of draft age who Selective Service Board office in fered on the new market. the basement of the courthouse here, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, clerk in charge of warehousing and home Thursday afternoon of this

10 per cent of any given call in volunteers and that consequently district the official vote was: have not had opportunity to be

#### Joint Meeting of Posts, Auxiliaries Here Friday

The James E. Jethro post of the American Legion, the Bosie Bateman post, Veterans of Foreogn posts will hold a joint meeting at he Veterans Club here Friday night of this week, it is announce

the commanders of the posts, It appears that the bean mar-

After discussion concerning the need for classrooms at Plymouth

lar session here Monday, voted Health Department.

Store, Pleasant Grove, 11:30 a. m. to 12 noon; Vaccinations will be given each arried out "as soon as possible," at the Health Department in Member J. W. Norman, of Plym- Home-from 1 p. m. to 4:30 p. m., county health nurse. The county-wide schedule was

released as follows:

Thursday, June 17, 24 and July -Macedonia Colored School, 9-

## Volume Now Near School property which finally went to A. M. Kochelis on the

Offerings Principally Snap Beans with Some Squash, Handled This Week

With the Plymouth Produce Auction Market in its second week of operations the total vol-2.893 bushels.

W. M. Darden, market manager. Offerings thus far this week consisted mainly of snap beans, though some squash was being offered and cukes and lettuce were brought in for the first time The market handled cabbage last week but had no offering of the grap and shough Wednes-

All offerings of beans of mar ketable quality have been hand poor quality.

noon that growers need to imwould like to volunteer for the ing in order to appreciably raise Armed Forces may do so at the the quality of produce being of-

to the board, advises.

Mrs. Hunter stated this week ther has reduced the quality of nora Chesson Taylor, of near marketing, stated, "The dry wea- week at 2:30 o'clock for Mrs. Lethat she is allowed to send only beans, with resultant lower Roper. prices.

she now has two volunteers who nesday of this week was said to died at 1:45 a. m. Tuesday folbe about \$1.15 per bushel hamper. lowing a long illness. She had was described as "ordinary" due weeks. She was 83. to the lack of rain and prices Wednesday were running about

County this week to bring to nine the number of counties from of the county and a member of Wars, and auxiliaries of the two which produce sold here has Zion's Chapel Church of Christ. come. Others from which growers have brought offerings so far are Pitt, Edgecombe, Martin, Ber- ard, Herbert and Willie Taylor, tie, Beaufort, Chowan, Tyrrell all of Roper, Elex Taylor, of Pen-

A discussion on the current fecting prices adversely. The ope- dren. N. Smith, Well-Known building fund is on the agenda, it rators of the local market state Services will be in charge of was said, and it is hoped that a that prices maintained here, the Rev. V. A. Lewis, Roper full attendance of the member-however, are right in line with Methodist minister, assisted by ship will be realized. Both com- those on the older markets and the Rev. H. F. Brown, also of manders stressed the importance volume has held up with all but Roper. of the meeting, set to begin at 8 the larger of the established markets, it was said.

# Board Agrees To Erect Classrooms At Colored School At Colored School County Budget Approved; Tax Rate Remains at \$1.70

## Vaccination Schedule In County Is Outlined

The complete schedule for ty- | 9:30 a. m.; Dick Chesson Store phoid, smallpox, whooping cough Westover, 10-10:45 a. m.; Will Colored School to replace the old, dilapidated wooden building, the county education board in regular washington Sounty was announced in the county education board in regular washington Sounty was announced in the county education board in regular washington Sounty was announced in the county education board in regular washington sounty was announced in the county education board.

> Tuesday and Thursday afternoon Plymouth-located at the County according to Miss Elizabeth Wood,

Friday, June 18, 25 and July 2—Wiley Radcliffe Store, Wenona, 9-9:30 a. m.; Free Will Baptist Church, Long Ridge Road, 9:45-10:15 a. m.; Roper Community House, 10:45 a. m. to 12:15 p. m.; Johnson Spruill Store, Newland Road, 1-1:30 p. m.; Creswell Sand-wich Shop, 1:45-2:30 p. m.; Scuppernong Christian Church, 2:45-3:15 p. m.; A. R. Patrick Store,

Cukes and Lettuce Being

ume of produce handled through business of Tuesday was given at The figures were released by

led here this week, it was stated and the only offerings of beans not sold were unclassified or very Boney stated Wednesday after-

prove in the harvesting and packing of their produce for market-

Top price on the market Wed-\$1.75 per bushel here.

The announcement came from and Washington.

from a national standpoint, af- dren and nine great-grandchil-

W.C.U.N.C. GRADUATE



port, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Davenport, jr., of Creswell, received the degree of bachelor of science in secretarial administration at the Woman's Coacge of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Monday of last week. She has accepted a government position in Washingernment position in Washing-ton, D. C., and will enter upon her work there next week.

## Last Rites Today

Widow of the late John S. Taylor of this county, Mrs. Taylor Quality of cukes offered so far been confined to her bed for four

Mrs. Taylor was born in Wash ington County March 30, 1871, Produce came in from Hyde and Mary Frances Woodley Chesson. She was a lifelong resident

She leaves six sons, John Richsacola, Florida, Jimmie Taylor, of Hertford, and Stark Taylor, of Ronald Waters of the Legion and ket remains somewhat glutted Hamilton, Virginia; 13 grandchil-

Burial will be in Chesson Cemetery near the home.

#### THREE LOCAL YOUNG MEN COMPLETE BASIC AIR FORCE TRAINING



The three Plymouth youngsters pictured above have completed their Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. They are, left to right: Exil D. Harper, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Holbrook, 51 Park Avenue; Robert H. Gurganus, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gurganus, 18 Cranberry Street; and Hugh B. Nash, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Nash, 25 Oakford Avenue. All three were sports stars during their high school days here. Young Harper was an outstanding golfer; while Bobby Gurganus and Hugh Nash were mainstays on Plymouth High School football teams for several years. They will now go into Air Force technical training for assignment in specialized work.—(USAF photos.)

In Regular Monthly Session Commissioners Pass on Budget Matters, Hear Re-

The county commissioners approved budgets for the Division of Forestry, farm and home agents, welfare assistance to the blind, old age assistance and the general county budget during their regular monthly session here Monday, and voted that the county tax rate remain at \$1.70 on the \$100 valuation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955. The rate has remained unchanged for the past nine years.

Both the budget and tax rate are subject to review and approval of the Local Government Commission at Raleigh, but this is expected to be a mere formali-

The tax rate is set on the basis of .10 for general county fund; .15 for poor fund; .10 for health fund: .075 for the county's share of farm and home demonstration agents' salaries; .055 for fire protection: .08 for property revaluation; .035 for old age assistance; .02 for aid to dependent children; .035 for aid to P.T.D. Fund; .36 for current school expense: .09 for school capital outlay; and .60 for debt service.

Changes were made in seven categories. The rate for general ounty fund was reduced from .20 the preceding year; rate for ocunty's share of farm and home demonstration agents' salaries was raised from .07; fire protection rate lowered from. 06; revaluation rate lowered from .10; school current expense raised from .325; school capital outlay lowered from .125; and debt service raised from .48.

Estimated property valuation is \$10,500,000 and the amount of tax levy is listed as \$178,500. Total budget requirements are listed in the estimate at \$271,381.56, while estimated revenue other than the tax levy is put at \$128,-581.56, leaving \$142,800 tax levy needed to balance the budget. The estimated amount uncollectible taxes and discount is \$35,700, bringing the total levy to the

mount of \$178,500. The county's outstanding debt as of July 1 of this year is listed at \$469,000.

On motion of Commissioner H. L. Davenport, seconded by A. R. the bid of Arthur R. Spruill made at public auction May 10th for a

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#### William K. Ach Receives Degree at Belmont Abbey

William K. Ach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward K. Ach, 40 Linden Street, Plymouth, received his A.B. degree at the 76th commencement exercises at Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, Tuesday of last week.

Earlier in the year, young Mr. Ach was elected to "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges," and also was elected to Alpha Omega Sigma honor society of the college.

Presiding at the graduation exercises last week was the Most Rev. Paul Yu-Pin, archbishop of Nanking, China. The Hon. James A. Farley, of New York City, former Postmaster General of the United States, gave the address to the graduates.

## Beam Given Pin For Bond Sales

H. E. Beam, vice president of the Branch Banking & Trust Company here, was honored last Thursday night for about 14 years' service as Washington County chairman of the war and savings bond program. At the request of the state chairman of the bond program for the U.S. Treasury Department, the Plymouth Lions Club presented Mr. Beam with a lapel pin denoting his lengthy service.

The presentation was made by Z. V. Norman. Mr. Beam, in responding, reviewed the bond program in this county, from its inception in the early 40's up to the present time. He said people of Washington County met their quota in all war bond drives except one, and that there were nore than a million and a half n bonds outstanding at this time. Hubert M. Ange, Lions Club president, presided at the meeting, which was held at the Mayflower Restaurant. It was an-

nounced that new officers of the club would be installed at the

next meeting, on June 17.