Mr. and Mrs. George W. Harrison are leaving next Wednesday for

Atlantic City, N. J., where they will spend several days at the annual convention of the Pilot

The Rev. and Mrs. Edward M.

Spruill and daughter, Florence,

left this week for Kanuga Lake

near Hendersonville, Episcopal Conference Center. Mr. Spruill

will attend a clergy school, Mrs.

Spruill will attend the adult con-

ference and little Miss Spruill

will be enrolled in the Children's

Department at the conference

center. They expect to be gone

for about two weeks. During the

rector's absence, there will be lay

services in Grace Church, Plym-

Mrs. Carl L. Bailey, sr., of Plymouth, emplaned at Norfolk,

Va., Tuesday at 4 p. m. and ar-

rived in San Francisco, Califor-

nia, Wednesday morning at 6

o'clock where she will visit her

daughter and family, Lt. and Mrs. James H. Getzen and little daugh-

ter, Patricia Leigh Getzen, Mrs.

plane, on July 14 and bring her

granddaughter back with her.

The child's parents will motor

through the country to Plymouth

for a visit with Mrs. Getzen's

parents and brother. Carl Bailey,

jr., took his mother to Norfolk

and will meet her there on the

Paul E. Bannerman, of Caro-

lina Beach, assumed his duties

earlier this month as park ranger

at Pettigrew State Park, near

Creswell, replacing T. F. Deven-port, now retired. Mr. Banner-

man has been with the Division

of State Parks since March 1953

and before coming to this county

was park ranger at Morrov

Mountain State Park, near Albe-

marle. Mr. Bannerman is a grad-

uate of Burgaw High School and

N. C. State College. He is brother

to Dave Bannerman who used to

play at lot of fullback for the U. S. Naval Academy eleven and

is married to the former Nancy

Imphlett, of Winton, a sister

ington Senators outfielder. The

Bannermans have a daughter, Sandra, 5, and a son, Mark, 1.

of Plymouth, who is president

of the North Carolina State Bar,

made a brief address at the annual meeting of the North Caro-

lina Bar Association at Wrights-

ville Beach last week. The meet-

ing convened Wednesday night

with about 400 persons attending. Principal speakers at the con

lina's newly - appointed United

Local Lions Club

The Plymouth Lions Club en-

Restaurant, starting at 7 o'clock.

J. Fred Keyes is the new presi

dent; R. E. Bowen, second vice

president; J. W. House, third vies president; M. G. Chesson, secre-tary and treasurer; B. G. Camp-

bell, Lion tamer; and A. L. White-

hurst, tailtwister. Members of the

board of directors are H. M. Ange.

immediate past president; W. H. Pruden, M. S. Brobst, H. O. Lov-

A complete list of new commit-

See appointments made by Mr.

Keyes will be published later.

The club now has 30 active mem-

bers, two members at large and

ic, and R. D. West.

one honorary member.

States Senator Sam Ervin.

lasted through Saturday

Attorney Zeb Vance Norman,

Umphlett, the Wash-

14th to bring her home.

Bailey plans to return, also by

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ESTABLISHED 1889

Life Insurance Company, of Greensboro. Messrs. Burnham and Harrison won all-expense trips for themselves and their wives through substantially inwithin the prescribed time, Councreasing the volume of business ty ASC Secretary Miriam Ausbon done in their territory during the

> by reporters on 864 farms, peapacco on 292, records in the ASC used for feed on the farms."

Corn plantings were measured exceeded their corn allotment, checker. This is due to practically all corn nuts on 547, cotton on 310 and to- produced in the county being measurement being correct he

CRESWELL FACULTY—REMEMBER THE YEAR?

The four persons pictured here constituted the faculty at Creswell School a few years ago. In case you can't recall, it was around 1914 at the old Creswell Academy and the teachers, read-

ing left to right, are E. H. Liverman, J. Ottis Charles, a Mr. Griffin, the principal, and Miss Eva Spruill, now Mrs. Hubert Bateman, of Creswell. Mr. Griffin now lives in Raleigh, Mr. Charles

man, of Creswell. Mr. Griffin how lives in Rateign, Mr. Charles went back to his native Pennsylvania, and Mr. Liverman is a prominent Plymouth farmer and businessman. Mr. Liverman said he taught grades four to seven, Miss Spruill the primary department, and the other two in the high school. The picture was recently given to Mr. Liverman by Mrs. L. S. Brey, of Roper. Mr. Liverman taught at Creswell two years and later taught at Chapel Hill School near Plymouth for two sessions.

**Bottle Breakers** 

Warned by Chief

Plymouth Chief of Police P.

W. Brown stated this week that

his department has received

numerous complaints recently

about persons breaking bottles

The Chief wishes to call to

the public's attention that there

is a town ordinance against

such practice and he stated em-

phatically that anyone caught

breaking bottles on the streets

of Plymouth would be prose-

**Club Met Monday** 

At a business session preceding

who has moved to Asheville.

A very appetizing supper was

served by ladies of the Scupper-

Evangelistic Services To

End at Pleasant Grove

Special evangelistic services

Pleasant Grove Methodist Church

Guest preacher for the meet-

ings which opened last Sunday

evening at 8 o'clock is the Rev.

L. A. Lewis, pastor of the Atlan-

tic charge in the New Bern dis-

Good attendance is reported for

it is announced.

the meeting series.

ed president to complete the un- on the 28th.

on the streets.

North Carolina Supreme Court M. V. Barnhill and North Caro-

ters upon its new fiscal year to- expired term of John Hufton,

night at its regular meeting, to who recently moved to Washing-

be presided over by new officers ton, D. C. Roger Davenport also installed recently. The meeting was elected vice president of the

will be held at the Mayflower club to succeed Leroy Davenport,

dent of the club and will preside at the meeting tonight. He nong church. Afterwards the en-

was installed at the last meeting tertainment program was feat-

of the club by Benjamin D. ured by several musical numbers

June Hot and Dry

Month With Less

June, July 1952

Hot and dry . . . Whew!

June has been "one of them"

rain fell during all four days

The lowest temperature read-

ing during the month was record.

highest was Sunday's 102 degree

A high reading of 90 degrees

in July of 1952.

ed to 87.

Heaviest for the month was .35

Every farmer that has excess

ings under acreage control has allotments," Miss Ausbon stated. paying a minimum rate to be de-"We have found that many farmers overplanted their population in the Agriculture Building at ers overplanted their peanut al- Plymouth. Excess will then be lotment. Almost all farmers have measured off by the county spot-

If grower has any doubt as to may request a remeasurement by depositing the minimum rate at "Most farmers planted within acreage on tobacco, cotton and the county, office it was stated.

#### Regular Monthly Board Meetings To Be Postponed

Monday Holiday To Be Observed; Commissioners to as an eighth grade teacher. Meet July 15th; Town Council July 12

The regular first Monday meetings of the county commissioners, the county board of education and the Plymouth Town Council all cate. have been postponed, due to the holiday next Monday.

The county board of commissioners will hold their first meeting of the new fiscal year on Thursday, July 15, at 10 a. m. in the courthouse. J. Robert Campbell, clerk to the board, stated this week that he knew of no special matters to come before the board at its monthly session other than finally approving the budget. This is expected to be only a formality as the budget already has been tentatively approved by the county governing

No definite date has been set or the education board to meet. The following was sent to members of the board this week by Superintendent of Schools Roy F. Lowry who serves as clerk to

"Since Monday, July 5, is a tholiday, it has been suggested that the Board of Education not meet on that date and that a meeting be called to consider the meeting be called to consider the sedical year at Morehead City. Than Inch of Rain reliminary plans for the addition to the Plymouth Colored School Sunday's High Temperature at such time when the architect has such plans completed. It is Equals Record Heat of days. If it meets with your approval, we will postpone the meeting until further notice."

Mayor A. J. Riddle stated yesterday that it had been decided

paving in the town and the sewer on seven days out of the 29, with problem in the Village are ex-

## Lamb Sale Friday

ed on the sixth, 45 degrees. The Offerings Total 394 With Edmondson; two daughters, Mrs. reading, equalling record high readings set in June and again 28,900 Pounds

or more was posted on 15 days during June. A period of five The amount of \$3,189.78 was reconsecutive days — the 12th through the 16th—the high read-Courtney, of Williamston, deputy district governor of Lions District vin Davenport. They were rounding was 90 degrees or over each ly applauded for their excellent selections.

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Friday of last week. The poor, held at the Atlantic Coast Line pens on Water Street, was the following two days.

grees the following two days.
Then starting the 22nd the temperature hit 90 or over for six

Grading at the sale was done days in a row, high readings re-corded as 90, 94, 90, 92, 97 and Division of Markets, Raleigh. The 102, respectively for the 22nd, animals were shipped by the will come to a close Sunday at 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th. county agent's office here.

Monday's high dropped to a com-fortable 83 and Tuesday it climb-was 28,900 pounds. Largest num Total weight of the offerings ber of offerings fell in the cull There were two days during grade, with 90 animals, at a price the month when the temperature of \$6 per hundredweight. Next in never dropped below 71-Sunday size was the common grade, with 80 animals offered, the price be ing \$10. A total of 46 graded choice and brought \$23 a hundred pounds. There were 39 to grade good at a price of \$18.50. Other offerings, grades and prices, were

as follows:

Choice bucks 1, \$22; good bucks 19, \$17.50; medium, 27, \$14; medium bucks, 28, \$13.50; medium yearlings, 4, \$8.50; medium year-

somewhat lower than for Plymouth itself.

Precipitation over the week-weighing a total of 78,040 pounds, on Long Ridge Road suffered severe damage, while some damage tions, and heavy damage report-Monday.

O4 inches Sunday and .18 inches \$15,777.52, with prices ranging as high as \$26.75 a hundredweight. plans. high as \$26.75 a hundredweight. plans

Mrs. Gilbert Resigns; Two Elementary Teachers and Industrial Arts Instructor

The faculty for the Plymouth School for 1954-55 is now com-

County Superintendent of Schools R. F. Lowry stated Wednesday that he had been so inormed by J. S. Fleming, principal of Plymouth School.

Mrs. Margaret M. Gilbert is the latest member of the faculty to resign. Mrs. Gilbert plans to move out of the county during the summer and has resigned her position

Mrs. Bruce M. Davenport, of Jamesville, has been selected to teach in the elementary school. She is an experienced teacher, a graduate of East Carolina College, Greenville, and holds a Class A Grammar Grade certifi-

in the elementary school and to He is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, and holds a Class A High School certificate. He has had two years' experience in the Pikeville

J. R. Rawls, jr., of Oak City, will teach Industrial Arts in the High School. He is a graduate of North Carolina State College and holds a Class A High School certificate. He has had two years' experience in the Goldsboro City

members had resigned. J. E. Carr, dustrial Arts, decided to return to school, while Carr, assistant

#### Martin Native Is Reading of 102 Degrees hoped that these preliminary plans will be finished in a few Buried on Monday

from Ludford Memorial Baptist Church here Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock for Jessee Bunyon groups in the intensified program

Saturday following a lengthy ill-

He was born in Martin County the most "moist" period from the 15th through the 18th when some pected to me major items of business on the agenda.

He was born in Martin County January 10, 1884, son of the late John A. and Susan Coburn Edmondson. He had made his home here for 22 years, coming here from his native county.

Mr. Edmondson, a devoutly religious man, was a member of Ludford Memorial Church, a deacon emeritus, former treasurer To Area Growers con emeritus, former treasurer and superintendent of the Sunday School for many years.

Surviving are his widow, Helen Common and Cull Grades Edith Edmondson Anderson, of Roanoke Rapids, and Miss Corne-Predominating and Totals lia Edmondson, of Gainesville Florida; a brother, J. L. Edmondson, of Robersonville; and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Paul B. Nickens, assisted by the Rev. R. H. Lucas and the Rev. E. M. Spruill, rector of Grace Episcopal Church here. Interment was in the cemetery at Grace Church.

The remains were left at Horner's Funeral Home until an hour prior to the service and ther carried to the church.

#### Mill Shuts Down For Sixteen Days

Production was suspended at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company here last Saturday, and the huge plant will be shut down for about 16 days. Maintenance crews have been busy at the mill this week, overhauling and checking machinery and equipment, but most of this work will be completed by Saturday.

Practically al Imembers of operating personnel are taking their annual vacations at this time. Maintenance crews will get one week's vacation, it was stated. The office force is not affected by the shutdown and

are continuing at work.
It was learned yesterday that production will be resumed at 8 o'clock Monday morning,

# Crop Measuring Finished in County Work of measuring crop plant- their tobacco and cotton acreage peanuts may dispose of excess by paying a minimum rate to be delings under acreage control has allotments," Miss Ausbon stated. Pror 1954-55 Term For 1954-55 Term Phelps, Spruill Top Voting Faculty at Local School Completed For 1954-55 Term For 1954-55 Term For 1954-55 Term Crop Measuring crop plant- their tobacco and cotton acreage peanuts may dispose of excess by paying a minimum rate to be delings under acreage control has allotments," Miss Ausbon stated. Pror 1954-55 Term For 1954-55 Term For 1954-55 Term The property of the county ASC office of the coun

#### Official County Vote As Certified Tuesday

Following is the official tabulation of votes, by precincts, in the second Democratic primary in Washington County last Saturday, as certified to the county board of elections at the official canvass of returns in Plymouth Tuesday

FOR REPRESENTATIVE Plymouth No. 1 Plymouth No. 2. Lees Mill Scuppernong Wenona FOR COMMISSIONER

### A. J. Holliday, jr., of Jamesville, has been selected to teach of the elements in the elementary school and to assist with the athletic program. He is a graduate of Atlantic Post Is Planned Here

Representatives of U.S. Air Force Ground Observer Corps To Be Here Friday Of This Week

Steps are being taken to form an air spotter group in Plymouth Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, president of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce, stated Tuesday that Previously, three local faculty a meeting has been called by the laycees at which representatives Norman L. Clark and A. K. Spen- of the U. S. Air Force Ground cer. The latter, who taught In- Observer Corps, Durham, are expected to be present. The meeting has been set for

Friday night of this week at the in social studies, will teach at Veterans Club. Time is 8 o'clock. The meeting will be open to the public and A civic clubs have been notified. All individuals in-terested in civil defense are urg-

ed to attend. Dr. Whitehurst said that such

organizations as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars Lions Club, Rotary Club, etc., are expected to be represented at the meeting.

Several neighboring towns have already organized air spotter June has been "one of them" in both regards. Figures obtained from the weather station at Tide from the weather station at Tide that for 29 days of June less than an inch of rain fell. The total was .92 of an inch.

Terday that it had been decided at 5 o'clock for Jessee Bunyon Edmondson, 70, of Plymouth.

Mr. Edmondson, a retired former employee of the Atlantic former employee o

#### John Crisp Owens Ordained Deacon At Rites Tuesday

Wright, Bishop of Diocese Of East Carolina, Serves Association. As Ordinant

John Crisp Owens, of Plymouth, was ordained to the sacred order of deacons, the first order of the apostolic ministry of the church, in Grace Episcopa Church Plymouth, Tuesday morning, June 29, the Feast of St. Peter the Apostle. The Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright, bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina was the ordinant. There was a large congregation of relatives and friends

The ordination service was the

ancient rite of the church according to the Book of Commor Prayer and the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Taking special parts in the service were the states Rev. Douglas E. Wolfe, assistant rector of Trinity Church, Portsmouth, Va., who preached the sermon. The Rev. Daniel W. Allen, executive secretary of the Diocese of East Carolina, who read the Preface to the Ordinal. The Rev. Edward M. Spruill, presented the candidate to the bishop for ordination. P. B. Bateman, senior warden of Grace Church, rea dthe Litany for Or dinations. The Rev. William L Hicks, deacon-in-charge of St. Philipp's Church, Southport, read the Epistle. Bishop Wright was assisted in the Holy Communion service by the host rector, by Mr. Owens and Mr. Allen.

Also present for the service and in the procession were 12 other clergy of the Episcopal Church, including the Rev. William B. Daniels, jr., former rector of Grace Church and now rector of the Church of the Ascension in Wyoming, Ohio.

At the conclusion of the serv-See OWENS, Page 12

COMPLETES BASIC



A/3C Theodore H. Rosenthal, jr., recently completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, and is now studying electronics at Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rosenthal, of Wenona.

#### Business To Halt over both other candidates in this township of 51 votes, while he led Here Next Monday

With the Fourth falling on Sunday this year Monday will be observed as a holiday in Plym-

Practically all business houses will be closed all day Monday Sexton Reports and the regular half-holiday closing will also be observed next Wednesday, according to a check made by Thos. F. Hopkins, president of the Plymouth Merchants

About the only places of business to remain open for Monday will be the restaurants, drug stores and service stations, it was said, with some of these places maintaining regular Sunday hours during the day. Included in businesses taking the holiday are the garages. Patrons are asked to please note.

#### Boats For Rent By Hour At Lake Phelps, Stated

Lake Phelps, Pettigrew State ily the first blossom to appear. Park Ranger Paul Bannerman

cents an hour, Bannerman stated. a year ago.

Phelps Defeats Arnold for Representative by 282; Vote Total of 1,578 Larger Than Expected

Washington County politics were settled for another two years last Saturday, when nearly 1,600 Democrats went to polls and nominated Dr. J. M. Phelps for county representative over former representative E. O. Arnold by a margin of 282 votes At the same time more than 400 Scuppernong Township Democrats gave Phillip M. Spruill a majority of 14 votes over Harry W. Pritchett in the second-primary contest for county commissioner from that township.

Biggest surprise in the second primary voting was the size of the vote. Few observers looked for more than 1,200 to 1,300 votes. while actually 1,578 Democrats went to the polls Another sur-prise was the size of Phelps' majority over Arnold in the representative contest, where a very

close race had been anticipated. In the first primary on May 29, Mr. Arnold, Skinnersivlle farmer and merchant who represented the county in the 1948 legislature, led Dr. Phelps, Creswell physician, by 827 to 645, with Ben A. Sumner, of Plymouth, getting 340 votes. Dr. Phelps immediately called for a second primary, and last Saturday he more than reversed the difference, getting 928 votes to 646 by Mr. Arnold.

Voting in the county commissioners' race in Scuppernong Township was very close in both primaries. Mr. Spruill, a farmer, was high man in the first primary in a three-man race, getting 167 votes, to 151 by Mr. Pritchett, Creswell hardware merchant and present member of the board; with Douglas W. Davenport, another farmer, polling 129 votes. In the second primary last Saturday, Mr. Spruill received 241 votes to 227 for Mr. Pritchett, a difference of 14 votes.

In the race for representative last Saturday, Dr. Phelps led in three precincts, Scuppernong and Plymouth No. 1 and No. 2. Mr. Arnold likewise led in three precincts, Skinnersville, Lees Mill and Wenona. However, Dr. Phelps lead was much larger in the three largest-voting precincts, which accounted for the difference. The vote in Lees Mill was especially surprising. In the first primary Mr. Arnold had a clear majority by only 9 votes last Saturday.

As generally expected, Scuppernong led in the voting last Saturday, surpassing even the record set there in the first pri-See PRIMARY, Page 12

# Cotton Blossom

Wednesday morning W. H. Gurkin, of Plymouth, brought in a pink cotton blossom which he said appeared Saturday in a patch belonging to Billy Sexton, 18, on the Gurkin farm at the edge of town.

This was the first blossom reported in the county this year and is a repeat performance. Young Sexton reported the first blossom on June 24th last year, just two days earlier than for this year.

As is the custom of The Beacon, a year's subscription to the paper The State Department of Con- will go to young Sexton. The servation and Development has subscription is given to the persix non-sinkable aluminum row son first reporting a blossom, boats for rent by the hour at which, of course, is not necessar-

Cotton generally has not attained the rankness of growth this The boats may be rented at 25 year that it had at the same time

## Price Outlook Better For Vegetable Crops

The Plymouth Produce Auction | next several days, it was said. It Market is now holding daily sales is reported that South Carolina strong on each of these commodi- ably.

Machinery for washing, waxing and grading all produce has been growers should do as good a job installed and is now operating. of grading and packing as possi-Ample buyers are on the market every day, according to Market So far, the quality of produce of-Manager W. M. Darden, and are fered for sale here has been raasking for a larger volume of ther poor, the owners stated

prices seems to be good for the ably.

for cucumbers, peppers and to-matoes. Operators Ward, Free-of these crops due to extremely man and Darden reported this dry weather which has in turn week that the market is good to stimulated the demand consider-

ble before coming to the market. each of the commodities now be-ing offered here. However, with recent rains throughout the area, the quality ing offered here.

The outlook for favorable is expected to improve consider-

# Some Crop Damage by Hail Sunday

in this county Suday as unusually high temperatures were accompanied by a hail and wind tin County J. F. Jordan reported-storm which struck in spots across ly had three fields of tobacco

mate on the damage but it is re- County

Considerable damage resulted was reported to the tobacco crop ed in downtown Washington. to tobacco and other field crops of Wheeler Ange in the same sec-

In the Dardens section of Mardamaged by hail and wind. A re-County Agent W. H. Pruden port from Williamston stated that was out of the county and not an estimated 150 farms suffered available for comment or esti- damage from the storm in Martin

ported that three acres of to-bacco on the J. T. Browning farm was also hard hit by the storm,

and on Friday, the 4th.

High readings during the sum

See WEATHER, Page 12

end was listed at the station as brought producers the sum of

The temperature for Sunday lings wether, 1, \$8.50; medium must have reached record or near yearling rams, 3, \$8; good yearrecord degree in this section. The maximum reading at the Tidewater Test Farm between Plymmedium ewes, 11, \$3.50; common outh and Roper was 102 degrees ewes, 12, \$2.50; cull ewes, 11, \$2 and it was explained that the good rams, 4, \$2; common rams, reading would necessarily be 2, \$2; wethers, good ages, 5, \$4.