

spent the Fourth of July holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Lyon, ji in Atlanta, Ga. Young Zeno attending Georgia Institute

Technology where he is work

on his master's degree in electr

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Postponed Board **Meetings** Being Held Here Today

Representative of Architectural Firm To Present Preliminary Plans For Colored School Addition

Regular monthly meetings of he county board of commissionrs and the county board of education, postponed earlier this month, are slated to be held Thursday of this week.

A representative of the archi-tectural firm of Boney and Boney of Wilmington, will present the preliminary plans for the proposed addition to the Plymouth Colored School at the board of education meeting, County School Superintendent Roy F. Lowry stated Wednesday.

The meeting was to convene at 10:30 o'clock in the offices of the superintendent at the courthouse.

Mr. Lowry, who serves as sec-In the above photo are the county winners among 4-H Club members who took part in the district eliminations held at Washington High School Thursday of last week, together with their sponsors, County Agent W. H. Pruden and Home Agent Mrs. Frances M. Darden. Front row, left to right, are Linda Lou Norman and Daphne Snell, of the Roper Club, Margie Brown and Mary Virginia Dixon, of the Plymouth Club, and Mary Lou Davenport, of the Roper Club. Back row, same order, are Mr. Pruden, Johnny Clifton, Creswell Club, Ted Simpson, Plymouth Club, Har-lan Van Horn, Creswell Club, and Mrs. Darden. Miss Norman, tap dancer, Miss Snell soloist, and the three boys composing the Washington County String Band, were placed in the Blue Ribbon Class at the event.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo. retary to the board, stated that the question of selling the house which the board recently bought from Mrs. Eleanor Hazelwood would come up at the meeting. The house and lot were purchased with the idea of selling the house and having it torn down or removed in order to give more room to the crowded campus at

Duties of Grand Town Council Hears the school, it was stated. The county commissioners will ulso convene their session at 10:30 a. m. in the commissioners room on the lower floor of the court-

J. Robert Campbell, clerk to the board, said that he knew of no special matters to come before the body other than finally approving the budget. This has already been tentatively approved by the commissioners and approval is expected to be a mere formality.

Attends Sessions of **Bankers** Conference

Gene Ange, of Jamesville, note eller at Planters National Bank and Trust Company here, attended Monday and Tuesday sessions of the Carolina Bankers Conference at Chapel Hill this week.

Wholesale Firm Is Robbed Here

A thief or thieves got away with \$600 to \$700 worth of ciga-rettes after breaking into the warehouse of the H. E. Harrison Wholesale Company here Tuesday night or early Wednesday

the couple will leave for New York where Mr. Lyon has accepted a position Rainfall Helps

According to observers' re-

ports, the 1.28 inches total rain-

fall in this county since Thurs-

day of last week has done a

Thomas Peed, installation and service man, Bobby Perry and Gordon Warren, salesmen, re-cently joined the staff of Plymouth Television Center, Owner Jimmy Kitcheings has announced. Peed and Perry are Plymouth men while Warren hails from Warrenton .

ed a position.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Barnhill returned home Monday night from Lafayette, Indiana, where Mr. Barnhill attended the Methodist Men's Conference held at Purdue University. Mr. Barnhill, president of the local Methodist Men's Club, was an official dele-gate to the conference, representing the Elizabeth City District. Sessions were held Friday, Saturday and Sunday and were Saturday and Sunday and were attended by about 2,000 delegates County Winners from the 48 states, Puerto Rico and Cuba. The Barnhills report a most enjoyable trip.

John Forbes Davenport caught a 55-pound tarpon while on his vacation in Florida recently. Caught in Tampa Bay, the 41/2foot fish was entered in the Tampa Tarpon' Tournament by Mr. Davenport. He was fishing with Eugene Guice from a 16-foot boat powered by an outboard motor Mr. Davenport said it required about 45 minutes to land the tarpon, which was released after being checked and weighed.

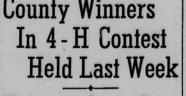
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marrow and son, Johnny, left Tuesday for a High School last Thursday. two-week vacation trip that will take them into Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina and back to western part of the state, thence rendition of "Y'All Come." to Nashville, Tenn., and La-

Grange, Ga., before returning by way of Wrightsville Beach, where they will spend a few days.

of Mr. and Mrs. Sol J. Sexton, of Roper, caught a small-mouth bass weighing one pound and nine speaking contest, using the subounces Friday afternoon while Safe. fishing with hook and line from the Plymouth docks. The young-

great deal of good to parched crops. It also brought somewhat cooler temperatures for a few days. The mercury dropped as low as 57 degrees Tuesday night, according to information from the weather station at Tide Water Test Farm near here. Precipitation was recorded as .02 inches July 8, .70 July 9, .51 July 10 and .05 July 12. High

temperature readings were 90, 84, 81, 81 and 91 last Thursday through Monday, respectively.



Washington County String Band and Two Individual Competitors Placed in Blue Ribbon Class

Washington County 4-H Clubs ad a team and two individuals to place in the Blue Ribbon class in the talent contest held as part

The Washington County String Band, composed of Johnny Clif- tively. ton, Creswell Club, Ted Simpson Wrightsville Beach while they are Plymouth Club, and Harlan Van away. They planned to go first Horn, Creswell Club, were placed to the Fontana Dam region in the in the Blue Ribbon class for their a worthless check, be remanded to The individuals so honored Court in compliance with the were Daphne Snell, soloist, and

judgment in that court. The de-Linda Lou Norman, tap dancer, fendant was ordered taxed with both of the Roper Club. Accomany costs accruing in Superior Lewis Mahlon Sexton, 12, son was Mrs. Dan Marrow, of Roper. Court.

The grand jury failed to find a Mary Lou Davenport, of the true bill against Charles Craddock Roper Club, took part in the and Irving Ambrose, young Creswell white men charged with the kidnapping of H. R. Stillman, middle-aged former Creswell ject, "Making the Farm and Home

Margie Brown and Mary Virmerchant. The alleged offense ocster said he was using shrimp for bait. The catch measured fifteen inches in length. The complete list of categories section. n which competition was held: The court permitted Craddock Dairy Foods (team); Dairy and Ambrose to withdraw their Foods (individual); Farm and appeal to Superior Court from a

Jaycee President Nathan Thomas Urges Attendance on his master's degree in electrical engineering. He received his bachelor's degree at N. C. State in 1950. He worked with a Winin 1950. He worked with a Win-ston-Salem firm before enrolling at Tech. He is married to the former Miss Alice Elaine New-some ,of Winston-Salem. She is teaching in Atlanta City Schools now. Zeno will finish his studies

other Murder Trial in Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, president f the Plymouth Junior Chamber Progress Yesterday in Suof Commerce, has announced that

perior Court Here an important meeting will be held George Skinner, young Skin- Friday night of this week at the hersville Negro, was on trial here Veterans Club at which time Lt. Wednesday in Washington Coun-ty Superior Court before Judge resenting the Durham Air De-Leo Carr, of Burlington, charged fense Filter Center of the Ground with the fatal beating of Calvin Observer Corps, will set up a Wynne, white logwoods worker, training schedule here.

at a colored place of business in Dr. Whitehurst said that Lt. Skinnersville Saturday night, Jackie would also show a film on April 10. training procedures.

The jury was selected and em-The meeting is scheduled for paneled shortly before noon and 8:30 o'clock and the Jaycee presithe State began to present evi- dent emphasized that everyone i dence in the case, welcome to attend. All local

In the preliminary hearing for clubs and organizations are urged Skinner in recorder's court the to be represented at the meeting State presented evidence to show as well as all individuals interthat Skinner and Wynne engaged ested in civil defense.

in an affray outside the store of A similar meeting held here Lorenzo Norman, during which two weeks ago was very poorly Wynne was knocked to the attended and the Jaycees, who ground and allegedly kicked by are sponsoring the meetings, are Skinner. Wynne was carried to anxious to have a large, reprehis home where he died early the sentative crowd at the meeting following morning, death being attributed to a ruptured spleen, Dr. Whitehurst pointed out that perhaps many persons are not a was said.

quainted with the work of the The Plymouth law firm of Baiground Observer Corps which i ey and Bailey is serving as dethe civilian component of the Air ense counsel in the case. Defense Command of the United

Nathan Thomas, charged with States Air Force. Its function, he the pistol slaying Saturday night, stated, is to help the Air Force April 3, of Alene Moore and Vioin its vast and complex job of guarding against surprise air at tack

Responsible government officof Plymouth, a plea of guilty of ials, both military and civilian second degree murder. Solicitor have pointed out a serious weak Elbert Peel, of Williamston, acness in the air defense system. cepted the plea and after the pre-The immediate and voluntary sentation of evidence in the case, services of hundreds of thousands Thomas was sentenced by Judge of civilians are needed to correct Carr to not less than 23 nor more this weakness.

than 26 years in prison on each Volunteers at Obervation Posts county, sentences to run consecuhave the job of watching for and reporting aircraft. Those assign-Upon motion of the solicitor, it ed to a Filter Center help plot was ordered that the case against the flight of planes and pas." E. W. Gay, charged with issuing

along important information to Air Force defense units. These Washington County Recorder's duties require only a few hours each week, it was said.

Colored Citizens **Present Petitions** For Improvement

Judge Carr Here Accept Bid for Tile in New Jurist Lists Passing Upon Bills of Indictment, Presentments and Inspec-tions In Body's Work ters Deferred Several individuals and dele

"One of the strong points of our government is that the sev- outh City Council at its July eral branches constitute a set of meeting Monday night, but there were few concrete developments $C_{\rm err}$ of Burlington, declared during the two-hour session. The hard $M_{\rm err}$ and $M_{\rm err}$ is a set of the meeting was post- oned from the grand jury. Judge Carr pointed lirst Monday night on account of out that the grand jury has an the Fourth of July holiday last week

important function in the county government in this regard. The judge stated that the grand ury passes upon all bills of indictment and that in order to find a "true bill" it is necessary that there be at least 12 of the 18 members of that body so find-

on presentments, stating the duty ficials requesting that the shop

Fire Department Build-ing; Action on Other Mat-

gations were heard by the Plym-

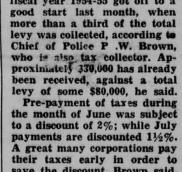
COUNTY 4-H CLUB MEMBERS IN DISTRICT ELIMINATION CONTEST

Roland Gaylord was first giver a hearing by the council. He detailed difficulties he has had with state barber board officials relative to opening a barber shop here. Some months ago, accord ing to his story, he completed construction and equipping a two-chair shop at his home on Wilson The judge dwelt at some length Street. He then wrote state of

Council Asked for Consider-ation When Street Surfac-ing and Sewer Extensions

Jury Reviewed by Delegations Monday

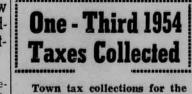
Town tax collections for the fiscal year 1954-55 got off to a good start last month, when



save the discount, Brown said, and this year a number of in-dividuals also paid early to earn the 2%.

ty is recommended.

Agent Warns Of



Volume Increases On Local Market

The volume of peppers is in-creasing steadily on the Plymouth Produce Market, operators de-clared yesterday. Volume of toclared yesterday. Volume of the by Gloria Osborne, president of the Beaufort County 4-H County ligible amount of cukes is being the Beaufort Council. Adjournment for lunch

All good peppers are bringing from \$3 to \$4, it was said. Some immature peppers are still being received and operators of the with winners in six districts in market are still urging producers the State at Raleigh. to pick good quality in order to insure top prices.

Peppers were coming in this week from Pitt, Martin, Beaufort, Tyrrell, Edgecombe, Hyde and Washington Counties and tomatoes from Martin, Tyrrell, Beaufort, Hyde and Washington.

The price for tomatoes was running about \$1.50, it was said. According to Wednesday market quotations, prices on the local market were as good as any in the state, W. T. Freeman, one of the owners and operators, declared. The peak in volume of peppers is expected to be reached next

Six Stills Taken **In County Raids**

Six illicit whiskey stills were seized by officers during raids in this county in the month of June, accordng to a report submitted by Robert Sawyer, of Roper, chief ABC enforcement officer for Washington County.

One of the stills was of 150 gallon capacity, four were of 60 gallon capacity and the smallest one, 50 gallons.

Besides the stills, other equip ment and utensils confiscated included 6 50-gallon barrels, 3,400 gallons of mash, two vats, six worms, seven coolers and 15 gallons of whiskey.

Assisting Officer Sawyer were State ABC and Federal ATU officers.

Home Electric; Vegetable Use; Beekeeping Demonstration; Vegetable Production and Marketing; Soil and Water Conservation: Public Speaking; Livestock Conservation; Forestry; Talent: The meeting was presided over

called and failed and it was by officials of several colored orbrought out that he had gone to ganizations. another State and could not be was at 12:45 and the afternoon

session began at 2 o'clock. Win-Judgment Absolute on the apners are now eligible to compete pearance bond of \$500. Bondsman See COURT, Page 10

SERIOUS BUSINESS, THIS LEARNING TO SWIM



Little Doug Gurkin, jr., 3½, was making sure he doesn't get any water in his eyes, ears, nose or mouth as he got his first swimming lesson at the country club pool here last week. That's Miss Cornelia Edmundson giving the lesson. Miss Edmundson is home for the summer from Gainsville, Fla., where she teaches at the University of Florida during the regular school term.— Photo by Jewel Hardison.

Are Planned

Consideration for colored secthe body. tions of the town when additional

recorder's court judgment requir- street surfacing and sewer extening them to give a peace bond in sions are planned was requested the amount of \$1,000 each, and at the city council meeting Monthen gone into. He said the county the action was remanded to re- day night by a delegation of be inspected and the jury satis- ply for license.

the action was remainded to re-corder's court for enforcement of the judgment in that court. Negro citizens. Joe Wingate acted as spokesman for the group, sub-sanitary condition, that the jail field that they were kept in a sanitary condition, that the jail Defendant Lester Davis was mitting a formal petition signed

be humanely treated.

The petition pointed out that found. Solicitor Peel moved for several older sections of the town, largely inhabited by colored citi zens, had no sidewalks and little

street surfacing and sewer lines, while numerous new white de-velopments had been furnished structed

these facilities within the past few years. Madison and Fourth Streets and White City were cited as older areas which had not been improved, while street surfacing

and sewer extensions have been provided in recent years for the Country Club Village, Litle Richwood, Winesett Circle, Brinkley Forest and Stillacres, among oth ers, all relatively new white resi-

dential developments. Mayor A. J. Riddle told the grand jury. delegation their requests would be given consideration, although he said the council had made no definite plans along these line. at the present time. He declined

to be pinned down as to any exac date for considering the request but said the committee would be

notified after the council had taken action. The petition asked city officials

Frymier's mother, Mrs. Julia Ann Hosey Knight, of Richwood, West (1) to finish surfacing of Adams Street; (2) to close "pest-infest-ed" ditches along Fourth Street Virginia.

and surface Fourth Street, "so Mrs. Knight was taken ill while badly needed by school children" on a visit to Miss Letha Knight, and to surface the short block in her daughter, at Geneva, Ohio, front of the colored school. and died there Saturday, July 3.

Officers of three colored or-She was 89 years of age. She is survived by four daugh-ters, Mrs. Frymier, Miss Knight, ganizations had signed the petition, and it was suggested that Mrs. Mollie Spencer, also of Ge-neva, and Mrs. A. B. Holcomb, numerous other colored organizations also supported the movement. Groups listed on the petiof Richwood; by nine grandchiltion were: Young Men's Civic dren and 10 great grandchildren. and Business Association; Car-Services were held from Pop-lar Ridge Methodist Church, Sut-Ridge Cemetery.

to apply for leases on the shop to apply for leases on the shop, those offenders who have not been prosecuted," the jurist told unable to get state permits One unable to get state permits. One

of the barbers was present at the Inspections which come within council meeting and said he was tion appears spotty in county cot-ton fields, County Agent W. H. Pruden this week urged that the offices of county body were treated very discourteously when he went to the office of the barfarmers make daily checks in jails and other institutions should ber examiners in Raleigh to aptheir fields.

be sufficient for the incarceration operate the shop but was told the of prisoners and that the latter town could not do so until the shop was inspected and approved

"Inquire of the clerk if any ad- by state officials. He was advised ministrators, executors or guard- by the council to get a lawyer to ians have failed to file according handle the matter.

to law and see that justices of the Harry W. Latham had a com-peace have filed their reports ac- plaint about the manner in which cording to law," Judge Carr in- a filling station near his home dust. used an air hose to blow dirt out

The grand jurors were told that they should get the reports of the grit had damaged the paint on his The agent stated that for conworms dust of 21/2 per cent Al house and also that he was un-able to keep his windows open last two grand juries in order to determine if all recommendadrin and 5 per cent DDT, 21/2 per cent Dieldrin and 5 per cent DDT or 2½ per cent Heptachlor because of the dirt. Town officials tions of those bodies had been carried out. It was also suggesttold him the station was not vioand 5 per cent DDT are recom-mended. Also, the use of 20 per lating any town ordinance and ed by the judge that they get the his only recourse would be to last county audit and study it to cent Toxaphene or 3 per cent write the company or to bring a see if any irregularities appeared. BHC and 5 per cent DDT is reccourt action against the operator. W. W. Mizelle, of Roper, was ommended except where the land After hearing from a delegareappointed as foreman of the will be planted next season in tion of colored citizens relative to

peanuts or tobacco. street surfacing and sewerage ex-It is important, Pruden said, ensions, detailed in another artithat farmers who expect any sub-Mother of Local cle, a committee from the fire destantial yield this Fall from their See COUNCIL, Page 10 cotton crop keep up dusting



Notices are being mailed this 547 peanut farms in the county week to peanut and cotton farm-ers who have overplanted their 310 cotton farms, 43 are overacreage allotments for these re-

Total acres planted to tobacco spective crops, it was learned at the county ASC office. for peanuts and cotton respective-

Notices were mailed some time ly, are 3,080 and 677.4 acres. ago to tobacco farmers in the All county cropland was redecounty who had overplanted and termined this year in connection it was reported this week that with the measurement program most of them have satisfactorily and the figures show a total of disposed of excess plantings. 32,228 acres of cropland. It should Mrs. Hunter as Wilile Earl Skin-

New'Weevil Crop morning. Town and county law

enforcement officers and State Bureau of Investigation opera-Stating that boll weevil infestatives were busy yesterday trying to run down clues to the robbery.

Entrance was effected by breaking a padlock off the ware-house door. The thieves also at-

tempted to break into a safe in Mr. Pruden advised that farmthe office and badly damaged it ers should pick 100 square from each field and examine for puncalthough they were unable to get it open. Except for the cigarettes, tures. If as much as ten per cent nothing else was missed from the are found punctured, the county agent stated, then dusting activiwarehouse, according to local po-

Several fingerprints were ob-tained, and the SBI was called Some cotton farmers in the county have already made four into the case. The robbery was dusting applications, Pruden said, discovered by Mr. Harrison about while some have not begun to 7 o'clock yesterday morning, when he went down to open the

warehouse. trol of boll weevils and boll

Two Registrants Failed To Report

Two men ordered to be sent from the local board for pre-induction eramination Monday of this week failed to report, Mrs.

Lorraine Hunter, Board clerk, states.

The men were listed by Mrs. Hunter as Fred Watson, of Roper, and John Henry McCormick, of Hunter stated.

If the board does not hear from them immediately the two regis-trants will be ordered for induction into the armed forces and if

they fail to report for induction they will be processed as delin-quents and their cases turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it was said.

Twelve men left by special bus Monday for the reception center at Raleigh, six for pre-induction and six for induction, the board clerk revealed. Of the six who left for induction four were volunteers. These were listed by

both regular inductees.