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Overall Gain of 19 Students

Over Last Year First Day;

Record Lunchroom Patro-

Enrollment figures for the first

lay of school at Plymouth, reeased by Principal J. S. Fleming,

how a gain of 19 students in

elementary grades and high

school over the number on the first day of school for the 1953-

Wednesday's attendance totaled

931-700 elementary and 231 high

school, as compared with 912

opening day a year ago. Last

year's elementary attendance on

opening day was given at 678 while the high school attendance

The opening of school for the

new year was smoothly effected,

with everything proceeding pret-

ty much as planned. Only formal note in opening day schedules

was a fine inspirational talk on

"Life's Extra Values" by the Rev.

E. M. Spruill, Plymouth rector.

record 840 students patronized the

school lunchroom opening day-840 out of a total attendance at

school of 931 students, and lunch-

coom patronage, of course, is op-

Opening attendance of other

schools reporting was Roper, 327; Plymouth Colored, 500; and Washington County Union School,

Roper, 666, according to County Superintendent R. F. Lowry. Teaching assignments were list-

ed by Priucipal Fleming as fol-

Hampton School—Miss Ethel Perry building principal, first grade; Mrs. Etta B. Hardison,

treasurer, first grade; Mrs. Selma

High School Building — Mrs. Selma B. Crofton, Mrs. Mary Lowry and Mrs. Kathryne H. Owens, second grade; Mrs. Ka-therine Harrison and Mrs. Essie

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B. Chesson, first grade.

Fleming reported that a

PLANNING COMMITTEE OF LOCAL FHA CHAPTER OUTLINES WORK

and family left Sunday for th New York port of embarkation after spending several days with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton sr., of Pleasant Grove. Col. Tarkenton and family will sail from New York Thursday of this week aboard the USS Constitution and expect to arrive at Naples, Italy, about September 10. Upon arriva in Salzburg, Austria, Col. Tarkenton expects to be assigned as commanding officer of the 350th Infantry Regiment with head-quarters in Salzburg.

To hear Judge W. Ronald Gaylord talk there is definitely super-abundance of cats at hi home and he hints strongly that a wholesale free distribution of the felines is in the offing. The judge says there are various an sundry types to suit the fastidiou feline fancier, including slick cats furry cats, short-tail cats, long tail cats, straight tails, curly tails etc., with a complete color range embracing all possible combina tions of mottled and variegated. The animals, the judge avers, all are descended on their mother's side from good Persian stock and paternally the extraction is runof-the-mill Alley. Anybody want a cat?

The Washington County Library will be closed all next week Monday through Friday, and will Ayers, librarian, has announced. anyway, so by taking her vacation next week she will "los one day, in a sense.

The cosmopolitan nature of Plymouth's population is well illustrated by an incident related yesterday by Principal J. S. Fleming of the Plymouth High School. Quite a number of new students were registered at his office Tuesday afternoon preparatory to the opening of schools here yesterday, and among the questions asked was where each student last attended school. The last three students registered included a ninth-grade girl from Peru, a fourth-grade boy from Lincoln, N. J., and a ninth-grade girl from Port Arthur, Texas.

Tom Hopkins scored a hole-inone on the 135-yard No. 3 hole at Greenville Country Club Sun-day, using a No. 7 iron. It was the local golfer's first and came while he was playing in a four-some with Percy Ashby, former Plymouth man now living in HomemakerGroup Greenville, Tom's son, Steve Hop-kins, and Stuart Saunders, also Plans Its Work at of Plymouth. The hole-in-one 86 good for low score.

Washington County students will get their first holiday. They will



Members of the planning committee of the Future Homemakers of America chapter at Plym-outh High School met in the home economics department here last Thursday to work out plans for their club during the coming school year. Miss Carolyn Brinkley, home economics instructor and club advisor, is at left, back to camera. Others around the table are Sue Carol Lassiter, president; Jolene Hollowell, vice president; Ruby Boyd, secretary; Betty Davenport, Mary Ach, Nancy Jackson and Betsy Barnhill. Absent at the time the photo was made were three members of the commit-tee, Dottie Thompson, Jane Swain and Jackie Harrison.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

reopen at the regular hour Mon-day, September 13, Mrs. C. E. Labor Day Program County Schools Off To Smooth Mrs. Ayers will be on vacation next week. Incidentally, she would have got Labor Day off Start for Year Arrangements Being Made To Secure Out-of-Town Speaker for Occasion. As Schools Get Down to **Urges Dusting** Speaker for Occasion, Committee Says For Bollworms

> In recognition of Labor Day Bollworms are playing havoc and also the eve of the 14th anwith the cotton crop in Wash-ington County. Authority for that statement is County Agent niversary of the Paper Makers W. H. Pruden who said Wednesday he had been informed that the situation was particuunion members and their immedilarly bad in the Creswell secate families. tion. Pruden believes bollworm Only members with adequate activity in cotton is widespread

> over the county. their families will be permitted The county agent recommends that farmers dust with 10 per cent DDT at the rate of 25 pounds an acre this week and repeat the treasure a new week if a check of fields shows conto participate unless by special invitation from the proper com-mittee, it was said.

tinued bollworm activity.

Farm Bureau Lays Plans for Annual Membership Drive **Report Record Enrollment At School Here Yesterday** County Unit To Strive for FIREMEN FINISHING INTERIOR OF BUILDING Ouota of 300 Members Under Chairmanship of

J. A. Morris, of Creswell, presi-ent of the Washington County irm Bureau, announced today at Whitford Swain, of Rope loute 1, has been elected chair nan of this year's county memership campaign by the organization's board of directors. President Morris said the board as accepted the county quota of

to to make up the state Farn Morris said the board is mak nembership drive this year in the county, which has prove ighly successful in the past in ther counties. "We plan to leave no stone unturned in carrying our Farm Bureau program to the people and going over our count

The Farm Bureau leader urge the women of the organization to accept a greater responsibility in this year's membership drive "In the past, the Farm Burea women of our county have been of untold value in the member ship work and we will have t

rely heavily on them again thi year," Morris stated. He pointed out that the North Carolina Farm Bureau has a good chance of leading the South in membership this year if all county quotas are reached.

Kick - Off Meet For 'Challenge'

With blood needs said to be in-creasing, an all-out effort will be made here next Wednesday to **Program Slated** ecure and if possible surpass the

quota set for the regular quarter-All Committeemen and Over able next week, it was stated. Mr. Lowry said he had coceiv-ficulties up to yesterday atter-noon from any of the principals. Mr. Lowry sold he had coceiv-ficulties up to yesterday atter-noon from any of the principals. Mr. Lowry sold he had coceiv-ficulties up to yesterday atter-noon from any of the principals. Mr. Lowry sold he had coceiv-ficulties up to yesterday atter-noon from any of the principals. Mr. Lowry sold he had coceiv-ficulties up to yesterday atter-noon from any of the principals. Mr. Lowry sold he had coceiv-ficulties up to yesterday atter-noon from any of the principals. Mr. Lowry sold he had coceiv-ficulties up to yesterday atter-noon from any of the principals. Mr. Lowry sold he had coceiv-ficulties up to yesterday atter-noon from any of the principals. Mr. Lowry sold he had coceiv-ficulties up to yesterday atter-ficulties up to yesterday atter-f

An important kick-off meeting great need for blood in urging a for the Washington County Chalfull response.

The bloodmobile will be located lenge program has been schedulat the Veterans Club, near the ed for Friday night of next week, Washington County hospital. The County Agent W. H. Pruden reunit visit is again being sponsor ports The meeting will be held at the ed jointly by the James E. Jethro

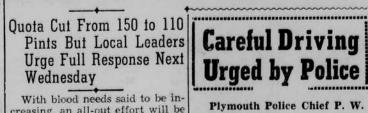
county courthouse here, begin-ning at 7:30 o'clock, Pruden said, Post of the American Legion and the Bosie Bateman Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Auxiliaries and all committeemen who have of the two posts. Donors will be received be-

jects Sponsored by Na-tional Association of Fut-



Plymouth firemen are presently engaged in finishing the in-Plymouth firemen are presently engaged in finishing the in-terior of the new fire department building completed here some time ago. Several of them were installing the cypress paneling in the main clubroom when this photo was made last Thursday. That's Bud Lovic at the left doing some wiring, while Tom San-derson, Harry Gurkin and Lawrence Jones (back of the ladder) are working on the walls.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Next Wednesday Is Date for Bloodmobile



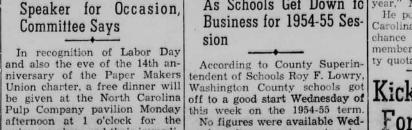
Brown this week called attention of the motoring public to the fact that schools are again in session and he requests that all motorists drive carefully. "I am asking that drivers watch

closely for children on bicycles, especially in a school zones, in order to avaid possible accidents," the chief stated. Signs calling attention to the

therine Harrison and Mrs. Essie J. Lassiter, third grade; Miss Isa-bel Davenport, third and fourth grades; Mrs. Janie, Dunning and Mrs. Eva N. Winsett, four, grade; Mrs. Mary S. Dinkins, Mrs. Helen W. Peele and Miss Nellie Tarkenton, fifth grade; Mrs. Bruce M. Davenport, Mrs. Au-15-mile-per-hour speed limit in the school zones should not be ignored, the police chief pointed out.



Two of three board meetings Test Farm Here normally held here the first Mon-WIII held next Monday, it was learned this week. Pasture and Weed Control Because of Labor Day falling Specialists From State on that date, the county commis-sioners had earlier set the Sep-College To Demonstrate tember meeting for Monday, the 13th.



nesday afternoon on opening day attendance but it was expected to be around 3,200. Figures for proof of their membersi ip and the first three days' attendance

and a comparison with the like

union spokesmen said, but definite arrangements were incom-Arrangements for the opening

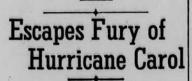
All members and their families are urged to attend the affair. 'Let's make a big day of it," were completed well in advance buildings, buses and equipment were put in good condition, and final instructions were given a union spokesman urged. "Since teachers and principals at meetthe first Monday in September of ings held the first of this week helped Tom to a 41 round which, with an earlier 45, gave him an Meeting Last Week each year, known as Labor Day. has been set aside by our govern-there was little formality attachment as tribute to commemorate ed to the opening yesterday, al-After three days of school Vote To Participate in Pro-Labor over a long period of time held in most of the schools and gram will be invited. Additional-

Whitford Swain

00 members this year which wil Bureau quota of 70,000 members ing plans to conduct a one-weel

quota," he declared.

have Monday of next week of since it is Labor Day.



outh High School. Except for the cornfields blown The president of the Future askew and a sweeping job to clear up debris of limbs, leaves and Homemakers of America chapter twigs, little appreciable damage Sue Carol Lassiter, who presided, was left in the wake of Hurricane took time at the beginning of the Carol as Plymouth and Washingmeeting to tell the group about some of the interesting high-lights of the Southern Regional ton County escaped the real fury of the storm.

According to reports, the hurricane went on up the coast to lash with all its fury at the New Engmer. ports from Mary Ach and Nancy Jackson, who attended leadership land states, leaving several dead and injured and much property damage in its wake. It was detraining groups during a week scribed as the worst such blow to of FHA camp at White Lake. strike that section since the ter-Ideas and information gained rible hurricane which lashed its from both these meetings were coast in 1938 and killed hundreds.

Rains which fell before, during and after the storm were welcome as were the lower temperatures. Reports Wednesday were that Hurricane Dolly was expected next, within a few hours.

No More Peppers Here **Until Further Notice**

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W. M. Darden, market manager Plymouth Produce Auction Market here, announced that af-ter today (Thursday) no more peppers will be handled on the local market until further notice. Volume of peppers slacked off somewhat at the market this week, Mr. Darden stated, and quality was also rather poor.

Band Booster Meeting Tuesday of Next Week

An important meeting of Band Boosters and other parents of school children and all interested persons is slated to be held Tuesday night of next week here, Jack Horner, president of the Plym-outh Band Boosters, has announced.

The meeting will be held in the high school auditorium and is scheduled to open at 8 o'clock the announcement stated.

ure Homemakers sponsored by the workers." An enthusiastic group of FHA members met last Thursday top

Cherry River Local No. 423 are make the year's plans for their Harvey Hobbs, James F. Humph-reys, jr., and James M. Hamilton. club. Several officers and other members made up the planning

committee which met in the home Little Damage as Auto economics department of Plym-**Overturns**, No Injuries

A 1954 Plymouth operated by Mrs. Iva Spruill, of Creswell, overturned on the Newland Road about a mile east of Roper Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock, according to the report of the in-FHA meeting at Daytona Beach, vestigating patrolman, Red Wal-Fla., which she attended this sumters, of Columbia.

Time was given also to re-Mrs. Spruill was not hurt and very little damage resulted to the the report stated. Mrs. Spruill is said to have been meeting a car, pulled off on the soft shoulder, hit the ditch and overturned.

See HOMEMAKERS, Page 12 No arrest was made

ROPER COACH AT NAVY MOBILIZATION SEMINAR



Lt. Theodore C. Martus, U. S. Naval Reserve, teacher and Lt. Theodore C. Martus, U. S. Naval Reserve, teacher and coach at Roper High School, pays a call on Captain J. B. Azer, USN, Fifth Naval District Director of Training, between classes at the two-week mobilization seminar held recently at the Norfolk Naval Base. Twenty educators, who are also Naval Reserve of-ficers living in the Fifth Naval District, convened in Norfolk Aug-ust 16 to map plans to set up and expand Navy training schools in event of all-out mobilization.—Official U. S. Navy photograph.

a special effort to attend all ga-**Board Office Will** therings, etc., if possible, that are Be Closed 3 Days Members of the committee of

> The office of Selective Service Board No. 95 in the county courtnouse here will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, clerk to the board, has an-

nounced The board will observe the Labor Day holiday Monday, Mrs. Hunter said, and a directive from State headquarters orders that the offices of all local boards be closed next Tuesday and Wednes- farmer in the county through a

day. The board office will reopen Thursday morning of next week at the usual hour, it was stated. Mrs. Hunter also released the names of registrants from the board who were inducted into the armed services Thursday of last week. They are:

Robert Ward Davenport, Wilor approximately one half-million liam Lorenza Downing, Enoch Spencer Reid, Wade Henry Johndollars a year. The meeting will be open to the on (volunteer) and Ulysses Arnold Wills, transferred to a Baltiurged to attend. A complete schedule of subsenore board. There will be no preinduction

quent community meetings will and induction calls made upon the local board during this month **Republicans Set**

Mrs. Hunter stated.

Creswell Church To Have Revival

The Rev. L. J. Rainey, pastor III, of Elizabeth City, for Conannounced this week that the Creswell Baptist Church would gress from the First District on Creswell Baptist Church would the Republican ticket will be begin its fall revival meeting next held at the Mayflower Restaur-Monday night, September 6, at 8 ant in Plymouth Wednesday eve p. m. The Rev. R. T. Greene, of Concord, will be the guest speak-County Republican leaders have announced.

The dinner will be attended by Mr. Greene is a former pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church Mr. Love and will open at 7:30 in the West Chowan Association o'clock, it was said. Barbecued and is now associational missionchicken with all the trimmings ry of the Cabarrus Association. will be served.

Services will be held each eve- County Republican leader ning at 8 o'clock during the week, have notified members of the and the meeting will come to a party throughout the county and close at 11 a. m., on Sunday, Sep-tember 12. The public is cordial-pated for the event, according to ly invited and urged to attend. T. D. Somerville, of Plymouth.

meeting, the county agent stated. visit the operation will be super vised by local doctors, it was stat A series of color slides will be

used to show how the overall ed. In the past a doctor has been program for agriculture in Wash- sent with the bloodmobile unit. ington County can be practically The Plymouth Woman's Club applied to the individual farms will furnish refreshments for The Plymouth Woman's Club blood donors and also the necin the county. A handbook, 'Steps To Processary clerical help.

Friday Again, an effort will be made gress in Washington County," has Indications are that a large to secure donors who have not been compiled and published containing a complete program for heretofore given blood regularly, agriculture with increasing the in order to bolster the support, weed-killing demonstrations to income of every farmer in the of those who have given blood be held Friday afternoon of this superintendent of schools serves a stee nrimary objective time after time since inaugura week at Tide Water Test Farm county as the primary objective. At the meeting, suggestions will time after time since inauguranear here, County Agent W. H. Pruden reported Wednesday. The tion of the program in this counbe received from county farm

To stimulate securing of new and business leaders for carrying donors the local schools are cothis program to virtually every operating and a prize will be offered the student in any of the 12 series of 13 community meetings grades who secures the greatest number of donors. Parents are of State College, Raleigh, will be to be held in almost every neigh-

present to demonstrate proper reminded that the same rules will methods of seeding pastures and be in effect as on previous ocuse of chemicals in weed control, casions when there was comperespectively, Pruden stated. carried out is estimated to in- tition among the students. A par-The latest pasture seed devices ent having children in several and weed control applicators will culture by from 20 to 25 per cent, grades may be counted by each

if he donates blood, it was explained. The visit will be the third to

legal holiday.

A local implement dealer will furnish equipment to be used in public and anyone interested is the county this year and the 15th the pasture demonstration, while since inauguration of the program back in December of 1950. In 14 visits, a total of 1,835 pints a Greenville concern will have proper equipment on hand for the demonstration in use of chembe released after September 10, has been donated in the county, icals to control weeds, brush on

or an average of 131 pints per new ground and ditch banks. visit. This is egarded as a splen-Farmers who attend the meeting did record. During the two prevcan observe the proper methods of application and later revisit ious visits this year 286 pints were donated, 174 in March and 112 in the farm to note results.

den said.

The board of education is expected to have a called meeting

sometime during the month in crowd will attend pasture and lieu of the regular monthly sesa ssecretary to the county education board, reported late Tues-

day after conferring with Board Chairman L. E. Hassell, sr., of time of the meeting is 2 o'clock. Roper. Wednesday it was report-Sam Dobson, extension pasture specialist, and W. T. Westmore, ed Monday, September 13, had extension weed control specialist, been chosen as a tentative date on which to meet.

Building next Monday night at 8 o'clock as usual, according to City Clerk W. A. Roebuck. A routine meeting is expected.

The commissioners will draw names for jury duty at the October term of Superior Court at be on display at the farm, Prutheir meeting September 13, J.

Robert Campbell, board clerk, reports. The board will also conduct some unfinished business in relation to the county property re-valuation project at that time, it was stated.

Eight Firms Vote No Half Holidays

Some dissatisfaction existing over the continuation of Wednes-day half-holidays through September here, a petition was circulated among downtown places of ousiness this week with the result that eight firms voted to discontinue the afternoon closing, ef-fective Wednesday, September 8. These were B & W Super Market, Belk-Tyler's, Ganderson's, Quality Shop, Leder Bros., Allen's Market, Norman Furniture Co., Inc., Evelyn D. Woolard Furniture Company and Town & Country Shop. A total of 21 other firms voted

to continue the closings through the month of September, pursuant to such action taken at a meeting of the merchants association earlier this year.

Local Business To Halt For Labor Day Holiday Following the custom of re-

will be placed in lock boxes at the local post office. cent years, practically all stores Industrial plants here will oband places of business in Plym-

serve the holiday, including The North Carolina Pulp Comouth will be closed all day next Monday, September 6, in obser-vance of Labor Day, a national pany, the Atlas Plywood Corporation and the True Temper Corporation.

In addition to the stores, the banks, post office, county and other offices will be closed. If they follow the usual custom, drug stores, restaurants and filling stations will observe There will be no rural and city the usual Sunday hours for the day, but other uptown stores and shops will be closed all day. mail deliveries, but dispatches will be made as usual and mail

Kick-Off Dinner June

A kick-off dinner in suppor of the candidacy of W. T. Love

hood of the county.

This program was developed

by the people of Washington

County for their own good and if

crease county income from agri-