Willis Bowen, Farmers Home

Administration supervisor for Washington County, and Mrs. Ernestine Basnight, county of-

fice clerk, attended a district meeting in Wilson Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Infor-

mation was given out at the meet ing on FHA Building Improve-ment and Soil and Water Con-

R. W. Lewis, of Roper, brought

a full-grown sweet potato to The Beacon office last week. The

specimen weighs four pounds, nine ounces and measures 121/2

middle circumference measure-

ment is 17 3/16 inches. The potato should make a fair-sized pud-

ding but its final destiny has not

Representative Herbert C. Bon-

ner, of Washington, was in Plym-

outh for a short while Tuesday morning. He was on his way to

Elizabeth City to complete ar-

rangements for the First Congres-

sional District Democratic rally, to be held at the John L. Sheep

High School auditorium Thurs-

day, starting at 5 p. m. The rally at the school will be followed by

a fish fry at the Scott & Halsey

potato shed. Quite a number of

leading Democrats from Wash-

ington County are planning to at-

Washington County Farm

Agent Bill Pruden was back at his desk Wednesday morning

after an absence of two weeks

and viewing with alarm the ac-

cumulation of mail. Bill, along

with four fellow county agents in

this section, took a trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, to attend the National Association of County

Agricultural Agents convention

at Hotel Utah, October 10-14.

About 900 agents and their ladies

from 47 states registered for the

convention, Bill stated. The five-

day meeting included addresse

Agriculture Hzra Taft Benson.

largest open pit copper mine and

lands where irrigation has made

the desert bloom. The trip was

by Denver, Topeka, Kansas, and Nashville, Tenn., stopping at Kan-sas City for the American Royal

Livestock exhibition. Bill got home Tuesday night

Mrs. Frances Lucas, Mrs. Ar-thur Hardison, H. H. Allen, the

Rev. and Mrs. C. N. Barnette will

leave Saturday morning for Mia-

mi, Fla., to attend the internat

ional convention of the Disciple

of Christ. They expect to return to Plymouth about the first of

November. While Mr. Barnette

is away, services will be held as regularly scheduled in the First Christian Church.

died at 6:40 a. m. Monday in a Durham hospital following ar

illness of one and a half months

Mr. Hudson was born in Pitt

son of the late Joseph and Fan-

ington, D. C. He was a crain ope-

rator at N. C. Pulp Company.

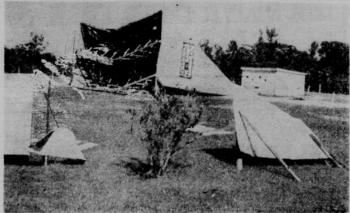
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COUPLE OF LOCAL SCENES FOLLOWING THE BIG BLOW LAST FRIDAY





day meeting included addresses by several prominent national figures, among them Secretary of There were interesting tours also, to Great Salt Lake, the world's largest open pit copper mine and

made by way of Grand Canyon, Arizona, and the boys came back Hurricane Hazel Harries Hunters

There was practically no damage to deer and squirrel from shooting irons on the opening day of the new hunting season last Friday but thanks to Hurricane Hazel the game animals were just as nervous as though there had been shooting aplenty, according to County Game Protector J. T. Terry, of Plymouth.

Nor was a normal amount of hunting done Saturday, Mr. Terry stated. He said he knew Rites Wednesday of four deer and one bear killed Saturday in the county.

For David Hudson AgedLocalWoman

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. from Ludford ported a total of just five regis-Memorial Baptist Church for Mrs. trations. He had been confined to his bed Eloise Ralph, 86, of Plymouth. County September 19, 1896, the The pastor, the Rev. P. B. Nickens, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. D. L. Fouts, local Methnie Edwards Hudson. He had made his home here for 17 years, odist minister, and the Rev. C. N. moving to Plymouth from Wash-Barnett, of Plymouth Christian Church. Interment will be in Windley Cemetery.

He was married July 2, 1927, at Boydton, Va., to Miss Mary L. Mrs. Ralph died at 5:30 p. m Tuesday at an Ahoskie hospital Clark, of Tarboro, who survives after an illness of three weeks. Mr. Hudson was a member of the She had been in declining health Baptist Church, the American Legion, Masonic Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star. He was a this county, born October 5, 1868, World War I veteran, serving two the daughter of the late John and years, nine months of that time Ann Alexander Woodard. She was married twice, first to the Besides his widow, he leaves late Ed Ayers and later to the a daughter, Mrs. Betty Hudson Six, of Fresno, Calif.; two sisters, late Henry Ralph, both of Plymouth. Mrs. Ralph was the oldest Mrs. Charlie Evans, of Grimes-land, and Mrs. Lucy Haddock, of Church. member of Ludford Memorial

Pactolus; a brother, Fenner Hud-Surviving are three daughters.

son, of Kinston. Last rites were conducted from Ludford Memorial Baptist Church Wednesday at 2 p. m. by the pastor, the Rev. P. B. Nickens. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, Tarboro, with masons in charge outh; 24 grandchildren and 26 the public to know that we have enemy forces. Moving unhesitat-

November Draft Call tunity to take advantage of that means of voting if necessary." Filled by Volunteers should be made at once, particularly for service men who are

Registrants of the local draft| Mrs. Hunter reported that sev board won't have to worry about eral delinquents were recently day and registrars will observe A call for two men to be sent for induction November 18 has been Registrants who have changed board clerk, explained, but two fact to the board and give present volunteers who wanted to go in address, Mrs. Hunter stated. The October but who could not be ac- delinquents in question had not comodated, will fill the call, changed their address, however, Special permission to fill the call but for some unknown reason with volunteers came from State mail was returned to the board fore November 2 may register Selective Service headquarters. marked "unknown."

receive mail from the board.

received, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, their address should report the their precinct for four months and

Exceedingly Light Activity
Reported by Precinct Registrars on Two Previous Saturdays

Deadline for registering in or-der to become eligible to vote in the November election is sunset Saturday of this week.

W. T. Freeman, chairman of the Washington County Board of Elections, today reminded the public that all persons who have ecently come of voting age and who have never registered as well as all persons who have moved from one voting precinct to another and have not registerered where they are now bona fide residents, must do se not later than Saturday in order to be allowed to vote in November.

The registration books opened day period but so far registra-David Hudson, 58, of Plymouth, Passes Tuesday tions have been exceedingly light, ied at 6:40 a. m. Monday in a Passes Tuesday Mr. Freeman stated Tuesday. Up to that time, three of the six county precinct registrars had re-

W. H. Joyner, registrar of Plymouth No. 1, reported two registrations last Saturday; J. A. Goodman, Skinnersville registrar, reported two registrations Saturday, October 9; and Mrs. C. A. Cratch, Plymouth No. 2, registrar, reported a single registration.

The law requires that all registrars sit at their respective polling places Saturday from 9 a. m. for the past four years. She was to sunset, Mr. Freeman said. a native and lifelong resident of However, he pointed out, persons wishing to avoid any possible lastday rush, may register on other week days at the home of the that her son, reported missing in registrar.

Qualified voters who will be presumed dead as of July 10, obsent from the county in which 1954. they are registered on election day, Tuesday, November 2, or of Major General McGarr, read who by reason of sickness or oth- in part: er physical disability are unable Mrs. Hilda Ralph Swain, of Ply- to go to the polling place, may mouth, Mrs. Myrtle Ralph Rich- vote by absentee ballot. Mr. Freeardson and Mrs. Katie Ralph man said he has plenty of the Flanagan, both of Norfolk, Va.; absentee ballots on hand but so two sons, Raymond Ralph, of far has issued only three, one to Ahoskie, and Ed Ayers, of Plym- an overseas serviceman. "I want attack against heavily entrenched plenty of these ballots on hand and that they have the opportunity to take advantage of that of the crest and stood completely

Applications for these ballots overseas, it was pointed out.

October 30 will be challenge possible induction in November. cleared up when registrants came the same hours at polling places in to explain that they failed to as for the Saturdays when books are open for registration.

Persons must be a resident of a resident of North Carolina for one year prior to November 2 to be eligible to register.

Young men and women who will become 21 years of age be- 1952. He received his basic training at Camp Rucker, Alabama, and I and was at home in April, 1953, home

Damage was heavy to trees, roofs, television aerials, glass windows, electric power and telephone lines during Hurricane "Hazel," which swept East Carolina last Friday. Top photo shows a portion of Brinkley Avenue Saturday, typical of most tree-lined streets in Plymouth the morning after the big blow. Much of the debris had been collected in piles by homeewners and town street crews when this photo was made. The telephone pole in the fore-ground was broken in half by falling tree but had been temporarily spliced. Bottom photo shows some of the wreckage of the local drive-in movie. The big screen was up-ended and skidded some 75 feet or more from its foundation, and the fence surrounding the property was mostly blown away.

—Polaroid 1-Minute photo.

Suzanne Owens, young daugh-

knocking the young girl to the ground. She hurt her back in the fall and was rushed to the Washington County Hospital where she was treated by Dr. T. L. Bray. sible kidney nupture was reached and the girl was transferred to a Durham hospital.

Durham Hospital

ter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward I. Owens, of Plymouth, was painfully hurt late last Thursday afternoon while riding her pony near her home on East Main

The pony ran into a guy wire, Tuesday the diagnosis of a pos-

Corporal Clyde L. Norman,

In Action

Of Pea Ridge Section Pre-

viously Reported Missing

A Washington County soldier.

Corporal Clyde L. Norman, son

of Mrs. Minnie W. Norman and

the late J. A. Norman of the Pea

Ridge section, has been awarded

posthumously the Bronze Star Medal with letter "V" device for

heroic achievement in connection

with military operations against

Mrs. Norman received notifica-tion last week of the award and

action in Korea in July, 1953, was

The notification, by command

"Corporal Clyde L. Norman, Co.

C, 17th Infantry, distinguished himself by heroic achievement

near Sokkogae, Korea, on 9 July,

ingly through the fireswept area

Corporal Norman reached the top

exposed to enemy small-arms fire

while delivering devastating fire

into the hostile positions. Corporal

Norman personally accounted for

several of the enemy and his

actions made it possible for other

advance. Corporal Norman was

last seen standing over the enemy

held trenches, firing his weapon

with deadly accuracy. The heroic

actions of Corporal Norman re-

flect great credit on himself and

Federal service from North Caro-

Corporal Norman was inducted

into the Army on December 3,

elements of the assault force to Division.

comrades took part in a counter after reaching Korea.

the military service. Entered the Mrs. Catherine Hufton, of Roper

an enemy of the United States.

To Head County A S C Committee

Roy C. Chesson Elected Chairman; Local Committees Named for Seven County Communities

County committeemen and officers and local committees for seven communities in the county were elected in Agricultural Stabilization Conservation balloting by mail which ended Monday of this week. The chairman and vice chairman of each local committee were automatically named dele gate and alternate, respectively, to the county convention which was held Tuesday at the Agriculture Building here. The officers and committees will go into effect November 1 for the coming year.

Of the total of 679 eligible voters in the county, 211 voted in the elections, a participation of only 31 per cent.

County committeemen and of icers named were: Roy C. Chesson, Roper, chair-

nan; J. C. Snell, Plymouth, vice chairman; L. L. Davenport, Creswell, regular member; L. L. Mizell, Roper, first alternate; C. N. Davenport, jr., Creswell, second alternate; county office manager and secretary, Miriam Ausbon; reasurer, Mrs. Florence P. Oliver Community committees:

Pleasant Grove - Raymond Davenport, chairman; Carlton Phelps, vice chairman; J. W. Furlough, regular member; Earl Swain, first alternate; M. J. Spruill, second alternate;

Roper (same order, chairman vice chairman, etc.)—Herbert R. Chesson, L. E. Hassell, jr., L. L. Mizell, Roy C. Chesson and R. C.

Oliver Lucas, Melvin Tetterton, W. H. Gurkin and Lloyd Owens; Long Acre—Robert W. Bowen, Russell Askew, Coral Ange, Paul T. Swain and Howard Furbee; Creswell—C. L. Hopkins, Z. H. Total of 896 Acres Believed Phelps, jr., C. N. Davenport, James T. Davis and John Barnes; Mt. Pleasant-H. E. Ambros D. H. Furlough, Archie Craddock, C. S. Hufton and L. W. Liverman; Cherry—J. M. Davenport, W. B. Cahoon, Henry Phelps, W. P. Davenport and J. A. Morris.

CPL. CLYDE L. NORMAN

tion into the service.

Norman, of Berkley, Va., Bennie

and Stanley Norman, of the home;

RFD1, Miss Elizabeth Norman,

of the home, Mrs. Aleen Com-stock, of Plymouth, Mrs. Ina

Lena Comstock, of Berkley, Va.,

and Miss Evelyn Norman, of the

Eight available sites, totaling trial site survey of Plymouth, compiled by the Area Development department of Virginia Electric and Power Company, Youth Killed in Korea Gets Award for Valor

Railway and the Norfolk South-

Included in the report are gen-

to Seattle, Washington, for duty in the Far East. He went overseas on May 1, 1953, and was assigned to Company C of the 17th Infanlimits; five acres between Nor 1953, Corporal Norman and his try Regiment, Seventh Division, Young Norman was born in Street and Conaby Creek in the Tyrrell County but moved with his parents to Washington County town limits; six acres between when he was quite young. He attended school in Creswell, later from Madison Street to Union going to work on the family farm and helping there until his induc-A rifleman, he was promoted to private first class shortly after being assigned to the Seventh Norman has four brothers and six sisters, most of them living in this county. They are: Edward

The survey estimated the labor market in Plymouth would produce a potential labor force 1 years of age and over of 1,872 white, 49 per cent female and 51 per cent male, and 1,213 nonwhite, 48 per cent male and 52 Spruill, of Roper RFD 1, Mrs. per cent female. The conclusion was stated that Plymouth can as-

Name Roper Man | THERE'S A TALE TO END ALL HURRICANE STORIES

Damage Reported High in County

From Hurricane Winds Last Week



The big sycamore tree pictured here has had its share of hurricane experiences. Located on Roanoke River at the rear of a vacant lot adjacent to the Plymouth post office, it was blown down by Hurricane "Barbara," which came, in from the northeast here in August of last year. The tree fell across the big log in the foreground, but its roots remained in the ground and it continued to live for more than a year. Then, last Friday, along came Hurricane "Hazel," blowing from the other direction, and set it right back up again. While the tree was down several limbs on the right side were broken off or cut away to provide passage to a landing for outboard motorboats, accounting for its somewhat lop-sided appearance. Apparently, it is up to stay until another nor'easter comes along.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Industrial Sites Here Are Listed in Survey

Potentially Available for Unanimous Vote Locating Diversified Industries Here

96 acres, are listed in an indus-Town of Plymouth, the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, the University of North Carolina library, and the industrial departments of the Atlantic Coast Line

The survey, which was first suggested to Mayor A. J. Riddle and other town officials by Archie W. McLean, president of The Planters National Bank and Trust Company, will serve as a reference of basic economic informa tion and a listing of representative potential industrial sites in and adjacent to Plymouth.

eral economic data for the Plymouth area, population tables, an index map of industrial sites, and individual sites sketches. Field work for the survey was compiled by representatives of the power company and town offic-

tract north from East Main Stree to the Roanoke River; a 400-acre tract south of the Mackeys Road adjacent to the Norfolk Southern Railroad and east of the town folk Southern Railroad and US 64 and between Washington the Atlantic Coast Line and Nor-Station in town; 25 acres south of US 64 and east of the intersection with West Avenue; 30 acres between US 64 and Norfolk Southern Railroad at southern Railroad just south of US 64 and five acres on the south side of the Atlantic Coast Line just east of the Wilson Street cross-Norman, of Norfolk, Va., Vernon

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In Referendum

Washington County farmers joined those throughout the state to give an estimated 92 per cent margin of approval to continuation of the Nickels for Know-How program for rendum held Friday of last

The county vote was unanimously in favor of the program, 252 for and none against. Hurricane Hazel, which hit the eastern part of the State Friday as farmers were voting in the special referendum, held the vote down considerably.

Renamed To Head **Building and Loan**

Officers and directors were re- a big success. elected at the annual meeting of A large group of veterans sold the stockholders of Plymouth 570 loaves for about \$400 and the Building and Loan Association incubator will be ordered and turned over to the local hospital meeting was held in the association office on Water Street and a report on the growth and status of the association was heard.

vice president; I. Miller Warren, B. Phelps, assistant secretary.

The reelected board of directors is composed of Norman and Brown, L. S. Thompson, E. G. Arps, J. W. Marrow, W. L. Mayo, C. O. Kelly, J. L. Rea and W. M. ially to the people for their gen-

Observers Say Plymouth Hardest Hit, But Creswell, Roper Take Heavy Blows From Storm

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Carribbean-spawned Hurricane Hazel hit Washington County early last Friday afternoon with winds of up to an estimated 100mile-per-hour velocity and although the county was on the fringe the big blow left wide-spread damage practically impossible to estimate.

Observers who have covered most of the county since the storm expressed the opinion that Plymouth was hardest hit, but Roper and Creswell were also dealt heavy blows. The Pea Ridge section is reported to have escaped with but light damage. Brinkley Forest, a Plymouth residential section, was shielded by the woods and fared better than most other sections of the town.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown expressed the opinion that the True Temper Corporation plant here which was unroofed suffered the heaviest damage in town. The Plymouth Drive-In Theatre was also particularly hard-hit. Owner J. Shepherd Brinkley stated Wednesday that the theatremight not be reopened until next Spring. However, a Williamston contractor is slated to begin work on renovating it next week, Mr. Brinkley said.

At least five Plymouth busi-nesses suffered damage to large plate-glass windows—Williams 5 and 10, Plymouth Furniture Company, Manning Motor Company, Miller Warren Implement Company and W. J. Woolard Furniture Company. At Quality Cleaners employees literally held a large front window glass in durng the worst of the winds.

The roof was swept off at Roanoke Electrical Appliance store on West Water Street, a warehouse at Farmers Cotton & Peanut Company was unroofed, signs at many places of business and most arge outdoor signs on the outskirts of town were victims of the winds, as were many canvass ownings. The great majority of houses suffered some damage to roofs. The storm was not without its freaks—a large sycamore tree blown down near the post office by Hurricane Barbara last year was put back in business again. It was still standing nearly upright late Wednesday.

Power was off in the county from about noon Friday until 6:30 that night, and was off twice again for briefer intervals. Telephone communications were also badly disrupted as poles were snapped in many places, trees and large limbs were blown across the lines. M. E. Turner, local manager for the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Com-pany, announced Wednesday that

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Obtain Funds To Secure Incubator

The bread sale sponsored here ast week by the local VFW post to secure an incubator for the Washington County Hospital was

as soon as it arrives, Melvin Boyd, commander of the post, said.

Plymouth homes were canvassed and 500 loaves sold in one Officers reelected were Z. V. and a half hours last Thursday Norman, president; P. W. Brown, night. An additional 70 loaves were ordered and sold to homes secretary-treasurer; and Matilda between Plymouth and Roper B. Phelps, assistant secretary. Tuesday night of this week to get the needed amount to purchase

erous support of the project.

Wind Brings Reports Of Freakish Incidents

of freak incidents connected with severe windstorms, and Hurricane Hazel last Friday was no exception. One of them was a sycamore tree being blown back up again after it was blown down by another hurricane over a year ago, as pictured on the front page of this paper. At least two others

have been reported.

Mrs. Ed L. Ayers, whose home is on Washington Street, heard a crash in her kitchen at the height of the storm and

went to investigate. She found an entire window sash had been blown to the floor with not a single pane of glass even Out at the country club, the

Out at the country club, the television aerial was blown off the roof. The supporting pipe fell to the ground, while the aerial itself lodged upside down in a big oak tree with the wires unbroken. When the set was turned on, reception of the Greenville station was as good as ever although it was imposas ever, although it was impossible to get the Norfolk station