R. F. Lowry, superintendent of

public instruction for Washing ton County, has been invited t

serve on a committee represent

ing North Carolina on the study

of school finance for the South-

ern States Work Conference

which meets annually in Day

tona Beach, Florida. The meeting

is scheduled for June 6-11, 1955

State committees will be called

to meet at North Carolina Edu-

cation Association headquarters

at Raleigh prior to the conference

in order to prepare information

for presentation at the annual

Owner J. Shepherd Brinkley

reports enthusiastic response to

showings at the Plymouth Thea

tre on the newly-installed wider

screen. A good-sized crowd was

on hand for the first showing

using the new Cinemascope

screen Sunday and near-capacity

that time, it is said.

crowds have turned out since

C. E. Steeley, Plymouth mer

chant who was stricken ill some

time ago, continues in critical

condition in McCain Sanatarium,

near Southern Pines, according to

word received here by his wife

Sales of State licenses for

motor vehicles have been averag-

license bureau since the plates

went on sale December 1, a check

of records at the local office

shows. Sales through business of

Wednesday of this week showed

a total of 279 sales as follows:

autos, 205; trucks, 48; and trail

Cpl. James H. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Allen, of Plym-

outh, has returned home after

three years of service with the

U. S. Air Force, stationed at Hic-

kam Field, Honolulu, Hawaii

Prior to that Cpl. Allen was sta-

tioned at Chanute Field, Illinois

and at West Palm Beach, Florida.

He arrived in California in Oc

tober and has now been separat-

ed from the service and plans to

enter Boston University this Fall

Twice lately County ASC Of-

ing, completely criginal news-letter. You're doing a good job

of keeping the farmers up-to-date," the commendation con-

Speaking of Thanksgiving,

sauce, snowflake potatoes, can

kles, celery hearts, parkerhouse

rolls, whole wheat bread, white

bread, fruit cake, mince meat pie,

apples, bananas, grapes, dates,

tangerines, ice cream, mixed can-

dv. salted nuts, coffee - tea, fresh

word, Col. Cleason E. Freeman,

Roper Firemen will make a

of the Empty Stocking drive.

contributions of money with

needy families, and other miscel-

laneous items will be appreciated.

Church bells will ring out at 7 to

mark start of the canvass.

base commander, wrote:

THE ROANOKE BEACON

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Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, December 16, 1954

Copy for Next Beacon Must Be In Saturday

In order to give employees a longer holiday The Beacon's Christmas issue will be printed Monday of next week. The office will then be closed until the following Tuesday morning, December 28.

Since the paper is to be printed three days ,early, it will be necessary for all copy to be in the office not later than Satday. The cooperation of all advertisers and correspondents and related items should be in the office just as early as possible, and no copy can be ac-cepted for publication in the next issue later than Saturday. The Christmas issue, as usual, will carry the greetings of our advertisers to their patrons. For a cheery message that will mean more than just a couple of days off from work, read these greetings ads.

Although members of the Beacon staff will not come back to work after the holidays until Tuesday morning, December 28, every effort will be made to get the issue of that week on time. However, there is a possibility that it may be a bit

20 Plant Employees Will Get Recognition For Lengthy Service ing about 20 a day at the local

School Closing Friday at Noon

The longest holiday during the school year will begin Friday of this week for some 3,400 school children in Washington County.

County Superintendent of Schools Roy F. Lowry announcol this week that all county schools will close at 12:30 p. m. Friday for a two-week Christ-was recess. Regular classes will resumed at all county schools on Monday, January 3, at the usual hour.

fice Manager Miriam Ausbon and staff have been cited by the state 99 Respond Here office for special commendation and notice in ASC headquarters newsletters. The county force was To Blood Unit's commended for having over 50 per cent of farms in the county Quarterly Visit signed to participate in the ACP program. Then Miss Ausbon came in for orchids for her "interest-

Day With Only 86 Pints be here for the ceremony.

The "Old-Timers' Banquet" for Visit of Year

which nobody was but we will, A total of 99 potential blood A total of 99 potential blood ranged for the evening. J. A. donors responded here on the last Auchter, manager of the Plym-Airman 3/C Frank C. Bickerstaff, jr., recently sent his mother a visit of the Red Cross bloodmo- outh plant, will preside as toastcopy of the Thanksgiving menu bile, it is reported. The blood-Webb Air Force Base, Big mobile unit made its regular pected to be present for a brief Spring, Texas, that is out of this quarterly visit to Plymouth Wed- talk. Most of the evening will be world. It reads: "Tomato juice nesday of last week and 86 pints devoted to the cocktail hour and of blood were secured. The quota bingo, with a large number of valuable prizes furnished by the key, baked Virginia ham, bread

The amount donated swelled dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry died sweet potatoes, buttered green peas, corn O'Brien, waldorf 1950 to 2,017 pints. galad, olives, carrot sticks, pic-

Those who responded on the ed by blood program clerks as

C. A. Cratch, Edgar Bateman, S. W. McNair, L. Ronald Waters, milk, sugar, butter." In a fore- J. F. Cox, Wiley Moore, colored, C. S. Gardner, Mrs. Marie Simpson. Robert G. Johnson, S. M. "Count your blessings, name them | Carpenter, Mrs. A. J. Ange, sr.

one by one, and it will surprise Also, Rodney Rodgerson, Henyou what the Lord has done." The boys at that base were more ry Silver, Leora Hudson, colored, Mrs Doris M Manning, Charles surprised about the Air Force Fowler, Herbert Sawyer, Howard and S. Skiles, Gartel L. Skidmore, than they were about the Lord. Davenport, Norman White, Ervin Hassell, J. D. Mallory, Donald Taylor, Hugh Midyette, Raymond Roper Firemen To Canvass Phelps,

Town for Stocking Fund Also, Dorothy J. Sutton, H. B. Gaylord, Ed Stuart, H. E. Newberry, Leslie J. Darby, William house-to-house canvass in Roper Waters, John Davenport, Sidney Saturday night of this week, W. Spruill, Jack Weaver, John starting at 7 o'clock, on behalf Wood, Nicholas Ange, Roswell Cox, Fred Doscher, Mrs. Ruth Mc-Toys, food and usable clothing, Nair, John H. Rodgers,

Also, Dallas Waters, J. P. Turwhich to buy commodities for ner, Mrs. Fred Spruill, Robert G. West, Marvin Campbell, Robert Winesette, Benton L. Tetter-See BLOODMOBILE, Page 8

Tobacco Allotments To Be Cut 5 Per Cent

It has been announced by which has been increasing dur-County ASC office manager Miring the last few years. cent allotment cut in 1955.

Thic allotment reduction is reduced consumption of tobacco, anteed market. a greater per acreage production planted to this crop in the county.

iam Ausbon that all flue-cured However, the office manager tobacco growers will take a 5 per emphasized the fact that tobacco will be supported at 90 per cent of parity in 1955 and any loss renecessary because tobacco sup- ceived by farmers due to a small plies have far exceeded the de- allotment cut will be more than mand, Miss Ausbon said. She offset by the privilege of being quoted several reasons for the able to sell on a somewhat guar-

among them being the current Also, a 15 per cent cut has been scare over cancer, reduced pur- announced for cotton. However, chases by foreign importers, and comparatively little acreage is

Group This Year; Five ed from nominations received.

Recognition for loyal service will be given to several groups of North Carolina Pulp Company mployees next Monday, it was earned yesterday from L. J. Dary, industrial relations manager, who is in charge of arrangements

or the event. For the first time in a number f years, there are no new memers of the "Old-Timers' Club," omposed of employees with 25 ears or more service with the Kieckhefer firm. However, there are five employees who will receive silver lapel pins denoting 20 years' service and another group of 15 will receive bronze

pins for 15 years' service.

Pins for the 15 and 20 year groups will be presented at the personnel building next Monday The presentation is usually made by H. M. Kieckhefer, president of the North Carolina Pulp Com-Thirteen Rejects During pany, and it is expected he will

Of Blood Secured on Last the 25-year men will be held at the country club Monday night, starting at 6:30 p. m., with a full program of entertainment ar master, and Mr. Kieckhefer is excompany to be awarded. There the grand total for the 16 visits are 32 members of the "Old-Timto this county since inauguration ers' Club," and most of them are of the program in December of expected to attend, including several who have been retired.

The five men who will receive recent visit of the unit were list- silvr pins for 20 years' service are Charles H. Painter, Roy M. Ragland, Jennings B. O'Dell, Morrison L. Brockhard and Hugh B. Pierce

The 15 men who will receive bronze pins for 15 years' service was born there September 20, 1882. She had lived here for 56 are: Fred Ausbon, Alton Baker, Alexander Bond, John Boone, Harry Browning, Woodrow R. Collins, Howard W. Davenport, Thomas H. Davenport, George Finlinson, Derwood Sadler, Leon-Tom West, John Williams and Luther Williams. Members of the 25-year "Old-

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Clothing Items For Needy Ones

Local Empty Stocking Fund leaders were emphasizing this week the urgent need for usable clothing for distribution to needy Washington County families at Christmastime. It was pointed out that many persons have the idea that clothing is not included in the items de-

The fact is that clothing is much needed and any usable items of apparel will be greatly appreciated. Some clothing has already been collected, along with canned foods, toys and miscellaneous items and is being sorted and stored by volunteer help in the basement of the courthouse here, under supervision of Mrs. Ursula Spruill, county welfare superintendent. Anyone having any clothing or other contributions for the fund can have them picked up by contacting James T. Boyce or other Empty Stocking leaders.

Plymouth's Young Man of Year Soon

December 31 Announced As Deadline for Receiving Nominations; To Be Honored Jaycee Week

Plymouth's most outstanding young men between the ages of 21 and 35 for 1954 will be honored again this year at a banquet which will be given in his honor not been determined yet.

Jaycee clubs all over the country will be honoring the young man who has contributed most in the way of achievements, leaderhip and service to his communitry for the calendar year 1954 dur-ing Jaycee Week. Although the recipient of the award is in the age classification of the Jaycees, e need not be, or have been a Jaycee. The award has no relation o Junior Chamber of Commerce nembership. The judging committee is made up of a secre committee of prominent local citizens over the age of 35 and the No New Members 25-Year recipient of the award is select-

The Jaycees are urging every Get Silver and Fifteen one who would like to nominate Bronze Pins Next Monday some outstanding young man for this award to make their nomination before the deadline for receiving nominations which is December 31, 1954. Nominations should include name of nominee date of birth, address, sponsor address of sponsor, achievements and nature of service: (List and explain in detail the achievements, nature of service, nature of participation and leadership of nominee, bearing in mind that judging will be done on follow ing basis: contribution to community and state welfare and beterment; participation in allround community and state ac tivities and civic enterprises; evidence of lasting contribution to community and state welfare; evidence of leadership ability; success in own vocation and per sonal and business progress; e-operation with individuals and civic organizations. All activities for which judging is to be made must have been performed while nominee was 35 or younger.)

The Jaycee D.S.A. committee is made up of D. Marvin Weaver, chairman, Ralph Hunter and Bill

Mrs. Hooker Dies At Local Hospital

Services were conducted from Plymouth Christian day at 2:30 p. m. for Mrs. Matilda (Sade) Hooker, 72, of Plymouth. Officiating was the Rev. Cary Dannelly, assisted by the Rev. C. N. Barnette, Interment was in Windley Cemetery. Mrs. Hooker died at 10:30 p .m. last Thursday at Washington County Hospital.

Mrs. Hooker, widow of the late H. C. Hooker and daughter of the late Sam and Josephine Bowen Cutler, of Beaufort County, year and was a member of Plymouth Church of Christ.

She leaves six daughters, Mrs. Vonnie Purgason, of Portsmouth Va., Mrs. Rose Ange and Mrs. G. C. Richard, both of Plymouth Mrs. Vergie Reitmeier, of Camden, N. J., Mrs. W. L. Guilford, of Aurora, and Mrs. Margaret Bray, of Philadelphia, Pa.; son, G. C. Hooker, of Plymouth; four sisters, Mrs. Strawford Cannady, of Washington, Mrs. George Buttry, of Southern Pines, Mrs Newsom Harrison, of Plymouth and Mrs. Mollie Cutler, of Washington; a brother, George Cutler, of Bath; 24 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

School Sites To **Owens Brothers**

The firm of E. L. Owens and A. L. Owens was the high bidder on both the Mt. Delane School and the former Kelly School Site which were bid off at the Washington County Courthouse las Saturday at 11:30 a. m. The Mt. Delane School sold for \$350.00 and the Kelly School Site was bid in at \$50.00. According to State law, anyone desiring to raise the bid may do so within 10 days from Saturday, December 11, 1954.

The Mt. Delane School is a two room building located on a 100 by 100' plot on the road leading from the Mackeys Road to Roper The former Kelly School Site is a one acre plot located about 10 miles from Plymouth on the Pinetown road

Nominations for Record Crowd at Christmas Parade

he merry gentleman in the red Mr. Hopkins declared that the Santa in a jeep. oat and white whiskers than crowd was the most orderly ever hat which turned out here a year for such an event here and that ago. Estimates placed the crowd the kiddies lined up and filed past this year at about 3,500, includ- Santa in good order. ing a host of voungsters who received gifts of candy from Saint

Over 2,300 bags of candy were

Cotton Next Year

Christmas Carols were played out then. alternately by bands from Plym-outh High School and Washing-somewhat earlier in the day this ton County Union School, Roper, year than on previous visits.

Saturday afternoon of last week it was reported. Thos. F. Hopkins and candy was distributed to the nd observers say it was an even acted as master of ceremonies youngsters. The bands led the arger crowd that gathered for and a number of volunteers aid- parade from the high school to the annual parade and visit of ed police in patrolling the crowd. Water Street, accompanied by No Results So Far From The crowd on hand for the

visit last year was estimated at about 3,000 persons but nearly 2,500 bags of candy were given

during Jaycee Week, January 14 through 21. The exact date has County Votes for Stocking Fund Drive Marketing Quotas Over Halfway Mark

Cash Goal About in Sight, Only Two Dissenting Ballots Cast in County in Tuesday's Referendum; 93 Per Cent Margin Seen

Washington County cotton uotas referendum held Tuesday f this week.

With 344 farmers eligible to ast ballots, the county vote was verwhemingly in favor of quota on the 1955 crop, 70 for to only two against. The two negative votes were cast at Creswell, along in hand and quite a bit more in with 30 votes favoring the quotas sight, the chairman expressed the for next year.

The two other polling places 22 votes cast at Plymouth and 18 ing, toys and other items, to in at Roper.

The unofficial returns from 77 of the 79 counties in North Carolina involved in the referendum were reported at 30,959 in favor of quotas and 1,867 opposed.

Pleasant Grove and Roper communities used the polling place munities used the polling place amounts from other sources at Knowles Grocery, Roper, and least \$1,250 was in sight. Cherry, Mt. Pleasant and Crawell farmers voted at C. N. Davenport Garage, Creswell.

Referendum committeemen ser ving for the day were Cyril Ange, J. C. Snell and Oliver Lucas, Wade Hardison, Roper; and C. N. R. Lord, Plymouth, \$67.80. Davenport, L. L. Davenport and D. H. Furlough, Creswell.

states. Unless the quota issue car- County Chairman Bailey stated ries overall by two-thirds majori-ty, price supports of 90 per cent volunteer workers would conof parity will drop to only 50 per tinue the task Monday night, cent of parity. Preliminary returns from seven other partici- that distribution to needy families pating states indicated a margin of 93 per cent in favor of the Contributions of toys

far under the 50,616 ballots cast other items such as food and in a similar referendum a year clothing are being sorted and

Glee Club To Present

Glee Club will be presented in other fund leaders. Those who concert at the high school audi-know of needy families may sub-S. Spruill, Raymond E. Patrick o'clock, Director Ed Taylor an- Spruill, county welfare departnounces

There will be a mixed chorus Cratch serving as pianist. Several numbers appropriate to the season have been selected, it distribution, it was stated.

The public is invited.

Chairman States; Packaging of Commodities To Begin Monday

The drive for money contri outions to the annual Washingtor County Empty Stocking Fund wa owers went along with the rest well past the halfway mark Wedthe State in the marketing nesday afternoon of this week according to Carl L. Bailey, jr of Plymouth, county chairman of the project.

Bailey said in addition to th funds already in hand there are several "substantial" contributions pledged. With nearly \$1,000 feeling that the tentative goa will be reached and that there Plymouth and Roper, failed to will be ample money, togethe turn up a "no" vote. There were with contributions of food, cloth sure success of the venture agai this year, as in past seasons.

About 30 persons, white an colored, attended a meeting a the courthouse Friday night pre sided over by Mr. Bailey and ers voted at the Agriculture Building here, while voters from Pleasant Grove and Review of the chairman said that \$800 heard a report by general finance and that with anticipated

Du the mating individual reports were made by several colored community chairmen as follows:

Lily Webb, Bethel community \$22.25; Mary Wilkins, Mackeys Plymouth; Roy C. Chesson and \$19.25; and Gladys Hassell and A. Actual work of packaging the

items for distribution will begin The vote in North Carolina will | Monday afternoon of next week be added to those of other cotton at the Agriculture Building here

stored at East Carolina Supply The North Carolina vote fell Company pending packaging, and stored in the basement of the county courthouse.

Persons having light trucks Concert Here Sunday tributing the gifts to the needy about the county are asked to get lough and W. H. Leary; The Plymouth High School in touch with Carl Bailey, jr., or Sunday afternoon at 2 mit these names to Mrs. Ursula ment superintendent.

Boys from Plymouth Colored of 50 voices with Miss Beulah Elementary School and Washington County Union School, of Roper, will assist in the work of There are about 300 needy fam-

ilies in the county, it is estimated

Stores Open To 9 Every Night

Beginning Friday of this week, Plymouth stores will remain open each night until 9 o'clock through the remainder of the pre-Christmas shopping season. Stores will be closed Christmas Day and the Monday following, resuming their regular business hours Tuesday of next week at the usual

The majority of stores have remained open each Friday evening during the past two weeks for the convenience of

Draw 70 for Jury Duty Here During The union spokesman said Tuesday that he was expecting a Court in January

Superior Court

Names of 70 county citizens to serve for jury duty at the Jan-since December 1, when pickets ary term of Washington County Superior Court were drawn here recently by the county commissioners. Forty were selected ion workers to use a special gate, to serve for the first week of the located several hundred yards two-week mixed term, and 30 for he second week.

The court will open here Monday, January 10.

Drawn for first week duty were 13 each from Plymouth and Scuppernong Townships, eight from Lees Mill Township and six from Skinnersville. The list for the second week includes names of ber 17, when spokesmen for the nine persons from Scuppernong, organizing committee said nearly Lees Mill and six from Skinnersville

The list (first week): Plymouth Township—A. M. Kelly, Stewart L. West, Nellie Allen, James H. Clifton, David H. Bowen, Jessie L. Hardison, Mrs. Blanche Edens, they wish to lend for use in dis-Chester Brewer, Elvin H. Fur-

Skipnersville-Jessie J. Hassell, and Henry E. Clifton:

Lees Mill-Garland Gurganus, W. J. Vaughan, Hoyt LeFever, Michael Trueblood, Marvin H. Rose, David Hollis, D. W. Chesson and W. D. Styons;

Scuppernong — Alton G. Furlough, Howard Odell Furlough,

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DISTRICT COLLECTION OF FOOD FOR CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE



Five of the six ministers of the Church of God in the Elizabeth City district are pictured above in front of boxes of food collected by their church members to be sent to the denomination's orphanage at Kannapolis. There are 62 children in the orphanage, and the food collection in this district was said to have been very gratifying. Left to right in the photo above are the Rev. I. C. Morris, district overseer of Elizabeth City; the Rev. F. E. Evans, of Williamston; the Rev. James Briley, of Creswell; the Rev. James Ferguson, of Plymouth; and the Rev. Mitchell Evans, of Edenton. Not present when the picture was made was the Rev. Miss Lennora Jones of Ahoskie.—Photo by Weaver Studio.

Construction Gate Of Pulp Mill Still Is Being Picketed

ESTABLISHED 1889

Series of Conferences; Organizer Says Agreement Has Been Violated

Pickets representing workers ormerly employed by contractors engaged in construction work at he plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company here were still on luty yesterday at the special construction work gate. However, spokesmen for several of the conracting firms said this week that ufficient workers had been emloyed and were crossing picket lines to carry on all the rojects presently underway.

Paul Askew, chairman of a special AFL organizing committee representing 10 building trade unions, said Tuesday that several meetings had been held with company and contractors' representaives, but nothing definite had been worked out. He was still nopeful that the difficulties could be solved satisfactorily.

Askew also said that the company had violated at least two of he agreements worked out on December 1, when pickets were emoved from main gates of the plant and stationd only at the special construction gate. One of he violations charged was that materials for construction work were being received at the plant through gates other than the special one designated for that purpose. Another violation, he said, was using regular employees of he mill on work connected with

The union spokesman said Mr. Glenn, of the law firm of Thatcher, Wall & Glenn, of Wash-ington, D. C., to arrive in Plymouth Wednesday afternoon to ad-Names of 40 County Citizens vise with the unions involved concerning the construction dispute Listed for First Week and existing at the plant. Further de-30 for Second Week of velopments, he indicated, would depend on the outcome of conferences with the attorney.

Operations in the mill itself have continued without incident were removed from the main gates of the plant after the company agreed to require constructsouth of the main employees' entrance. A possible shutdown of the big plant was averted by the action, as some of the production workers were hesitant about crossing the picket lines, although none of them were directly affected by the dispute.

The dispute originated Novem-70 construction workers were discharged after they attended a meeting November 16 to discuss organizing. Contractors said the men were laid off when construction work was discontinued on November 17.

\$90 Raised for Memorial Fund

A total of \$90.32 was collected in Washington County Schools recently for the Sir Walter Raleigh Memorial Fund. The annual Sir Walter Raleigh Day was marked December 3. The North Carolina General

Assembly has authorized the State Superintendent of Public Instruction "to permit voluntary contributions to be made by the school children of the State in such amounts as they may desire to give" for erection of a memorial to Sir Walter Raleigh.

Each teacher had the privilege of presenting the matter to her Collections, by schools, were

eported as follows: Plymouth White School, \$68.22: Creswell White, \$10; Roper White, no report; Plymouth Colored, \$5; Washington County Union School, no report; Creswell Colored, \$7.10; total, \$90.32.

Christmas Cantata Set For Methodist Church

The Plymouth Methodist and combined choirs will present a cantata, "The Story of Christmas," by H. Alexander Matthews Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Methodist Church

The solo parts will be taken by Miss Myrtle Gray Jackson, Mrs. W. H. Peele, Mrs. E. W. Furgurson and Zeb Vance Norman. ir. J. Shepherd Brinkley will serve as organist and director. An offering will be taken for

the benefit of the choir, it is an-The public is cordially invited

to attend.