A special bus with 37 Washing-ton County draftees was on its

way to Raleigh Thursday of last

week and was near Zebulon when one of the fellows, drinking a

fountain coke, made the idle remark to the driver, "Don't turn this bus over until I finish my drink." Some 500 yards down the road, only seconds after the man had thrown the empty cup out the window, the bus was crowded off

the road and it continued down a

15-foot embankment. "I was only

kidding you," the fellow told the

driver as he clambered out of the

L. W. Gurkin, sr., Harry Gurkin and L. W. Gurkin, jr., return-

ed to Plymouth Thursday night of last week from New York City

where they attended the National

Motor Boat Show at Kingsbridge

Armory. The local group also at-

tended the auto show. Harry Gur-kin stated that the boat exhibit

offered many interesting develop-

ments, among them silencing

equipment for outboards in one

line from 51/2 to 25 horsepower.

Nearly 400 boats were on dis-

play, most of them outboard craft

ranging from fishing skiffs to

elaborate cabin cruisers. This

year's show set a new record in

number of exhibitors which in-

cluded 70 boat builders, 29 en-

gine and 131 accesory manufact-

of small game, but very few man-aged to do so during the season

R. F. Lowry, of Plymouth, at-

tended an executive board meeting, East Carolina Council of Boy

Scouts of America, held in the

education building of Jarvis Me-

morial Methodist Church, Green-

Rufus Bowser, local Negro who

has had quite a few brushes with the law, pulled an entirely new

one this week. Bowser was hail-

ed before Justice of the Peace

C. M. "Bugs" Beasley charged with assault on a female. He had

had a drink or two, also, and be-

came infuriated during the course

of things and tried to snatch

Magistrate Beasley's watch off.

dered that he pay for the dam-

that Officer L. L. Basnight also

damaged a flashlight on Bowser's

4-H Club Council

Reuben Turner, of the Plym-

for the meeting.

clubs were not represented

motor vehicles averaged nearly trailers, 26.

the local office through business have not yet obtained their new

ville, Wednesday afternoon.

coming to a close, he stated.

wrecked bus.

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OFFICERS OF JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB ORGANIZED HERE RECENTLY



Pictured above on the steps at the agricultural building here, where preliminary meetings have been held, are officers of the recently organized Plymouth Junior Woman's Club. They are as follows, left to right: Mrs. Mildred Wincsett, recording secretary; Mrs. Phyllis Gauthier, vice president; Mrs. Borden Kornegay, president; Miss Gail Harrison, treasurer; and Miss Amanda Reynolds, corresponding secretary.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

The season on upland game, including quail, wild turkey and rabbits, closes next Monday, January 31. The season on deer and squirrel closed earlier, so this about winds up hunting for the about winds up hunting for th Tree-Farm Program Carl L. Bailey, Jr.

the worst he could remember. In the past, it was not unusual for many hunters to get the past. many hunters to get their limits of small game, but very few man-

The March of Dimes Ball, which annually climaxes the drive for funds with which to combat polio, will be held Sat-urday, February 12, Thos F. Hopkins, county March of Dimes chairman, announced to-

The ball will be held at the Veterans Club, Mr. Hopkins stated. Details will be worked out and anounced later. Plymouth High School Music Director Ed Taylor and Mrs. Dick Norman, a member of the school faculty, are in charge of arrangements, the county chairman said.

More Volunteers The watch was damaged and at his subsequent trial in recorders court Tuesday Judge Gaylord fined him \$25 and costs and or-**Needed for Roper** Observation Post age to the watch. It was said

Fire Station There

More volunteer spotters are needed by the Roper Ground Observation post. This announceouth club, was elected president of the 4-H Club County Council ment was made Tuesday following a visit to the post by two at a meeting held Monday night at a meeting held Monday night of this week at the Agriculture Published bere Agriculture and Robert H. Tucker, of the Durham Air Defense Filter Center, Other officers named were Di- who are in charge of organizing ane Gaylord, Roper club, vice- and training personnel to man

president; Wayne Mobley, Plymouth club, secretary; Mary Virginia Dixon, Plymouth club, last August, with 5 volunteers treasurer; Margie Brown, Plymoriginally signed up. Jesse Rawls outh club, reporter; Flossie Noovolunteered his spare time to serve ney and Wayne West, both of the as the post supervisor along with Plymouth club, song leaders; and Rachel Peele, Plymouth club, observer. Men, women, boys and Diame Gaylord presided and with either of them and volun-Margie Brown acted as secretary teer to help man the post. Mr. Norman can be reached by writ-During the brief business session County Agent W. H. Pruden Box 123 or calling 1626. Mr. urged that the club members be-Rawls' telephone number is 6138

gin thinking about camp and 4-H Club Week to be held later this year. He also strongly urged that the boys and girls enter the vartheboys and girls enter t ious contests which are held on a tion in Roper. Poles have been secured on which to erect the

From Roper Lumber Company, Involved in Plan

Feature Address

Carl L. Bailey, jr., young Plym-

The award presentation was

trict vice president, North Caro-

Bailey was born at Roper June

the reserves and permitted to fin-

ish his collegiate year.

He was called to active duty in

the autumn of 1943 and served

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Special Workshop

Slated Next Week

of next week, County Superin-

It will be Miss Staurt's second

Dwight Corporation Tree Farms f Roper, has just let the first contracts to begin work on its outh attorney, was given an award program for development of 68,- in recognition of having been 00 acres in Washington County it chosen "Young Man of the Year" acquired last summer from Roper for 1954 here at the Plymouth Lumber Company, Charles L. Junior Chamber of Commerce's Gleaves, who is in charge of operations, has announced.

Distinguished Service Award Banquet Friday night at the May-

The area lies between Route 99 flower Restaurant. n the southeast, Lake Phelps on he east, and Route 64 on the made by Henry C. Stokes, jr., of North. The program also includes about 17,000 acres in Hyde County lying between Belhaven and recently. Mr. Stokes is 10th dis-

The program calls for the de- lina Junior Chamber of Comvelopment of about 10,000 or more merce. acres of farm land which will lie | D. A. L. Whitehurst, president along some 60 miles of roads to of the local Jaycees, served as be built. The farm land will break toastmaster. There was near 100 up present solid blocks of timber per cent attendance of club memfrom each other by belts of farm local newspaper editor and pub-

damaged a flashlight on Bowser's head while trying to subdue him.

Local Youth Heads

Construction of Spotting Tower Now in Progress;

Will Be Located back of Washington County and had moverage and timber and will allow will access to the farms and timber and will allow director, and past president of the Rocky Mount businessman, past president of the ly and to have good bases from crats, made the feature address. month ago. which to operate their more ef-Gleaves pointed out. fields of religion, politics, gov-

ing operations and will operate age of their convictions. the open land farms only until The address and presentation Surviving are two daughters, it can sell them, preferably in followed a brief business session. Mrs. Hilda McDaniel, of Burlingthe open land farms only until 80 to 160-acre blocks, to individual farmers.

vestors of blocks of tree-growing outstanding service to his com- and 10 grandchildren. land for as little as \$10,000 or as munity in the preceding year. Semuch as \$100,000. The company lection was made by a special ner's Funeral Home here until will then, for a small fee, care committee of local businessmen. for the investors' forests, insure them against destruction, and 3, 1924. He moved to Plymouth handle the sale of pulpwood and in November of 1934 and gradusawtimber which are produced, ated from Plymouth High School it was explained. ated from Plymouth High School in 1942. After graduating from

When the resulting 50,000 or high school he entered Wake Formore acres of timber-growing est College in September of 1942. In March of 1943 he was induct-properly drained and cared for ed into the army, committed to

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Left on Tuesday

ents at East Carolina College, Greenville, volunteered for serv-Monday Is Last Day ce with the Armed Forces and left with three other registrants A physical education workshop of the local draft board Tuesday for white teachers who teach To Use Old Licenses morning for the Raleigh Reception Center to be inducted. They duled to be held in Plymouth are Jack Marton Frank and David of next week. County Superin-Gordon Brown, jr.

The driver hitched a ride to county and led a demonstration tags come in at once and get Raleigh, came back with another on physical education activities.

To New Quarters; Highway Patrol, License Examiner Combine

A three-way office switch, involving the county welfare de-partment, the highway patrol and area license examiner offices, was completed Monday of this week. The welfare department, prev-

iously housed in offices on the second floor of the county courticense examiner were combined joining the courtroom. The license examiner previous-

y occupied a room in the Municipal Building which will now be used by the police department affording it additional and needed space. The former patrol office in the basement of the courthouse

By Dwight Corporation Award Presented by 10th filing room and a storage room Jaycee District President; needy families in the county.

Mrs. Ursula Spruill, welfare superintendent, is particularly

was no storage room for donations such as clothing and before Hopkins stated, about \$600 was such could be made it was necessary decide upon recipients of canvass in Plymouth. That resuch practions and make delivered before, the headed.

In urging full cooperation of

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Alford

ands into ten or more pieces of bers. Special guests included past president of the local club; Mayor start by belts of farm local newspaper editor and public president of the local club; Mayor Sunday at 2 p. m. from Christian patients, residents of the county also are actually helping to lick the dread disease nationally by president of the local newspaper editor and public preventing it before it strikes. ford, 57, of Plymouth. Officiat-preventing it before it strikes. When the program is finished the whole area will not only have nent Rocky Mount businessman, Burial was in Jackson Cemetery.

W. B. "Billy" Harrison, proming was the Rev. W. C. Chesson.

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The Alford died at 1000 Jan.

pleased with the new arrange ment and points out that it will be better for the aged and infirm who have business to transact at the office, for now there will be no steps to climb. Also, Mrs. Spruill pointed out, Chairman Thos. F. Hopkins, of

few people at least who did not realize Monday that there had been any sur Sunday night. Officers of Local

Snow Vanishes

Overnight Here

The county got its fourth snowfall of the winter when big, fluffy flakes began falling

thick and fast at around 9 p. m.

Sunday but rain which fell

later in the night all but ob-

literated any trace of the snow.

Believe it or not, there were a

Held in Wilson Last Week; Work Begun This
President Reports Earnings Last Year Best in

fire fighters to get to fires quick- the North Carolina Young Demo- ed from here to California only a ters to support the vast programs Plymouth unit of the Branch Banking & Trust Company Dwight Corporation, he stated, ernment, family and extra curri- ian Hope Church and was form- al education, including fellow- Midgette were also reelected asintends to stick to its tree farm- cula activities and show the cour- erly a Sunday School teacher ships and scholarships to train sistant cashiers. Mr. Beam was professional people to fight polio the only member of the local more effectively both in the laboratory and in the hospital; \$6,- Wilson meeting.

Members of the present board bulin contracted for in 1954 but of managers of the local branch not yet paid for. Gamma globu- were likewise reelected at the lin's limited protection is important until a vaccine becomes widely available.

annual meeting. They are E. G. Arps, H. E. Beam, J. F. Jordan and E. H. Liverman, of Plym-

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Office Switch Is Tax Listing Is Two-Thirds Finished Monday By Local Agencies Complete; Four Days Left

OFFICERS OF PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL BAND



Officers of the Plymouth High School Band for the current term, elected shortly after school started last fall are pictured above as follows (left to right): Lynn Magee, secretary and treas-urer; Carol June Windom, vice president; Phil Ange, president; Mary Eleanor Sanderson and Nyal Womble, reporters.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

For March of Dimes

House-to-House Canvass in

Plymouth Accounts for

\$600, With Report Incom-

plete, Chairman States

The annual Washington Coun

half-way mark in funds this week

toward the goal of \$3,500, County

Of the amount in hand, Mr.

reported from the house-to-house

March of Dimes reached the

lowed by Law To Be Imposed for Late Listing, Tax Supervisor Says

Penalty of 10 Per Cent Al-

County Tax Supervisor Hubert L. Davenport, of Skinnersville, telephoned a Beacon reporter late Wednesday to state that an extra day of grace will be given persons listing taxes. Tuesday of next week, and not Monday, will be the final day. Mr. Davenport estimated the job 50 per cent completed in Lees Mel Townslip, 60 per cent in Skinnersville and 65 per cent in Scuppernong.

With Monday of next week the last day for listing taxes in this county, the job appeared Wednesday to be roughly two-thirds completed, according to information received here.

Plymouth Township List Taker Paul Swain reported that through Tuesday of this week about 1,200 persons had listed. About 600 more were expected to list during the five listing days remaining Half of Quota Raised

from that time.

Mrs. Wade Adams, Town of
Plymouth lister working in conjunction with Mr. Swain in the kitchen of the county Agriculture Building, said about 900 persons had listed through business of Tuesday, with another 500 due to list. About 50 of the remaining 500 are persons living out of town but owning property here, it was estimated.

Listing at the office here was termed "fairly steady." However, Mr. Swain emphasized that the office is closed promptly at 12 o'clock noon each day for the lunch hour and that afternoon closing is at 5 o'clock. Those who come in to list should bear this n mind, he stated.

Bad weather has slowed the isting progress in other townships of the county, it is under-stood, but it is thought that the bulk of property owners will get in under the wire.

Those failing to list within the prescribed time will be subject to ten per cent penalty for late listing—the penalty imposed by law. Absolutely no extension of Stockholders Meet time will be granted, it has been pointed out repeatedly.

Week on Moving Church Building

Trustees and Pastor of Church Here Sign Agreement With County Board Of Education

Work was started this week on the job of moving the building of the Church of God in Christ from its present site on Adams Street and relocating it one block away on Madison Street.

H. D. Craddock has the contract

with the county board of education to move the structure, the board having secured the lot from the church to be used as an addition to the playground at the Plymouth School.

Five trustees and the pastor of the church signed an agreement with the board of education recently to allow the church to be moved to a new lot secured by the board for that purpose. The signing followed a long period of negotiations between the board and officials of the church.

Signing the agreement with the board were the Rev. J. S. Spruill and the following trustees: Clenton Blount, Noah S. ... obles, Solemon Downing, Elmer Cooper and

During the past year the board of education has acquired 11 lots which have been added to the Plymouth School campus for use as an adidtional playground area, Superintendent of Schools R. F. Lowry said. Much of the former playground space was taken for construction of the additions to the school plant sometime ago.

Members of the board of education are L. E. Hassell, chairman, and J. Whitford Swain, both of Roper; P. B. Belanga, Creswell; and Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge and J. W. Norman, both of Plymouth.

Roper Parents-Teachers To Meet Tuesday Night

The Roper Parent-Teachers Association will meet Tuesday night of next week, February 1, in the school auditorium, it was an-nounced yesterday. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p. m. and every-one is cordially invited and urged

See QUOTA, Page 7 JAYCEE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD MADE FRIDAY NIGHT

000,000 will pay for gamma glo-

of polio attack.



Carl L. Bailey, jr., (left), is shown above receiving the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce distinguished service award from Henry C. Stokes, jr., of Hertford, 10th District vice president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, at the local Jaycees' meeting here last Friday night. Others in the photo are W. B. (Billy) Harrison, of Rocky Mount, past state president and national director of the Jaycees; Marvin F. Weaver, DSA banquet chairman; and Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, president of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce chapter. — Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Two Volunteers For recreation, a wildlife film tower and are being placed this in color was shown to the group. Attendance was held down by Week. When completed the structure will be about 20 feet high. the weather and the Creswell Two Plymouth boys, both stud-See VOLUNTEERS, Page 7

The bus transporting 37 regis- tendent of Schools R. F. Lowry Sales of state license plates for | small trailers, 148; commercial

trants of the local board to Ra- announces. motor venices averaged hearty 100 a day during the past week at the branch license bureau on Washington Street here, according to figures released early yesdisplay the 1955 plates or owners being shaken up.

The bus was crowded off the For the five sales days between | will face court citations if caught Thursday of last week and Tuesday of this week, 467 plates were sold, bringing the total sold at strongly urging that those who foot embankment, head-first.

The day was crowded off the hard-surfaced road by traffic, it is reported, and went down a 15-strongly urging that those who foot embankment, head-first.

The sales, according to categories, were listed as follows: autos, 1,380; motorcycles, 5; private trucks, 320; farm thucks, 64; he warns.

The sales, according to categories at once and get Raleigh, came back with another bus and picked the registrants up and proceeded with them to the Raleigh Reception Center, the report stated.

The worshop next Wednesday will also be held at the high school gymnasium, but the time port stated.

Welfare Department Moves

house here, moved to its newly renovated quarters in the base ment of the courthouse, while the offices of the highway patrol and and now occupy the offices vacated by the welfare department ad-

for various donated items such as clothing, shoes, furniture, kitchen Rocky Mount Man Makes utensils, etc., to be distributed to

under the old arrangement there Plymouth, reported.

ficient equipment, such as pumps, that young men should form the daughter of the late Mr. and hose, plows and crawlers, Mr. strong, definite belief, in the Mrs. George Allen of this countries and crawlers, Mr. strong, definite belief, in the Mrs. George Allen of this countries and crawlers, Mr. strong, definite belief, in the Mrs. George Allen of this countries are the annual stockholders meeting of the bank held in Wilose, plows and crawlers, Mr. strong, definite belief, in the Mrs. George Allen, of this coun-will be used on scientific research son Tuesday of last week. J. W ty. She was a member of Christ- in 1955; \$2,900,000 on profession- Allen, jr., and Mrs. Blanche G.

The address and presentation The Distinguished Service ton, and Mrs. Emma Browning, Award goes annually to the man of Plymouth; a son, Albert Ange, The Dwight program for tree between the ages of 21 and 35 who of Sacramento; one brother, Henfarming calls for the sale to in- is deemed to have rendered the ry Davenport, of Rocky Mount;

> The remains were left at Horone hour prior to the service

everyone toward meeting the goal set for this county, Mr. Hop-kins pointed out that although March of Dimes dollars retained Bank Reelected at by the Washington County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis are in-