Browning attended a meeting

conducted by State Cancer campaign officials in Rocky Mount

Tuesday of this week. The meeting was designed to give ideas on carrying out the annual cancer

fund and educational drive in the various counties. Mrs. Craft has

mander of the local chapter. Mrs.

promised strong support to the

J. W. Allen, assistant cashier of

the Branch Banking & Trust

a district meeting of the Associ-

ation of Bank Auditors and Comptrollers in Goldsboro last Thursday night. The session was

held at the Goldsboro Country

cussion dealing with banking

The annual Red-White intra-

squad game marking the end of spring football at State College

will be played in Riddick Stad-

ium at the Raleigh School Sat-

urday afternoon. Two Plymouth

boys are members of the squad,

Hugh Pierce, jr., and Ken Trow-

bridge, and both are expected to see action in the game Saturday.

Pierce is one of 10 lettermen

available to Coach Earle Ed-

wards next fall and is a leading

candidate for a starting guard

post, according to Raleigh news-

papers. He lettered at center as a sophomore in 1952 before en-

tering the Army and returned to

school last month. Trowbridge i

a halfback and was a member of

the State freshmen squad which

was defeated only once during

the past season.

THE ROANOKE BEACON

Miss Elizabeth Wood, county health nurse, Mrs. Ed Craft, Mrs. Durant Keel and Mrs. Harry VOLUME LXVI—NUMBER 11 Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, March 17, 1955

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## Two Children Died In Fire Near Roper Be Held Plymouth Early Next Month

300 Scouts Expected

home of Fred and Maggie Simmons, colored tenant farmers of
near Roper, claimed the lives of been appointed chairman of the for Washington County, while Mrs. Browning is com-Keel is president of the Plymtwo members of the family. outh Woman's Club which has

ver, manager of the Plymouth branch of the Planters National Bank & Trust Company, attended of the Marvin Weath and Simmons, was discharged branch of the Planters National Bank & Trust Company, attended of from the hospital but Elizabeth Simmons, was discharged by spread throughout the house.

's Not Funny

To This Byrd

The situation which has

arisen here over the new tax

valuations in the county has its

humorous side. However, there

is nothing funny about it to

merchant, came into The Bea-con office Tuesday afternoon a

bit perturbed. He said he is

planning to open a new seafood

market here soon and that if a

case of mistaken identity is not cleared up in the minds of the

people "I won't have any cus-tomers at all." It seems that several disturbed taxpayers

Mr. Byrd, erstwhile Plymouth

Flames which destroyed the beth Wilkins, the baby's mother

Simmons rescued Rasolie and The fire, Thursday of last Wallette—her daughters—from week, burned to death six-monthold Linwood Earl Wilkins. Of in the mud in the yard to exfour other members of the family rushed to the Washington County She was not able to save the baby Hospital here one other, Rosalie who was in a crib in a burning

Fire School Will

Nightly Classes Beginning April 4 at Fire House

at Plymouth Fire Department the week of April 3rd by Capt. Walter Black, drill and personnel di-rector of the Charlotte Fire De-

be held nightly Monday through Friday of that week from 7 to 10 o'clock and that draughting of water, hose laying and handling, ladder work, public relations, etc., held at the Goldsboro Country Club and featured a panel discussion dealing with banking For Camporee Here ladder work, public relations, etc., will be taken up. The program, he stated, will consist of drills, he stated, will consist of drills, demonstrations, lectures and About 300 Scouts From Five films.

Fire Departments in towns Counties Expected To At- within a radius of 35 miles or so tend Event at Stillacres are being invited to send representatives to the school. The dis tance is being held down in order that those who wish to attend will be able to commute daily.

Towns expected to have repre sentatives at the school were list Pre-Camporee here this week- ed as Jamesville, Williamston end, Carl I. Bailey, jr., member Hamilton, Robersonville, Windsor,

Verbal commitments that they will have men here have been re-Washington, Martin, Hyde, Tyr- ceived from most of the towns

# **Program Tonight**

County Agent W. H. Pruden calls attention of tobacco growers of this county to a program to appear Thursday night of this week over a Greenville television station which should be of inter-Mr. Pruden said F. A. Todd, Extension plant pathologist in tobacco, will give a demonstration

> Since the notices were mailed approximately fifty persons have appeared to make complaints to the Washington County Tax Department, it was said Wednesday. Incomplete figures on the new

were available this week on personal property valuations.

man Henry Everett at Roper remond Cedar Works is to be added ported that workers there are expect to finish this week-end nersville Township. according to schedule.

The incomplete figures on the 1955 real estate valuations available this week compare with the sumed responsibility for the busi 1954 listings as follows: Plym- ness and professional solicitations \$472,854, decrease of \$76,028; and duct the house-to-house solicita- weeks. Scuppernong Township, 1954—tions in Plymouth residential \$1,332,194, 1955—\$1,254,685, de-areas and plan to work tonight, crease of \$77,509. The 1955 valu- Friday night and Saturday.

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Land had previously been list-ed on the tax books without re-lt also shows two methods of fos-It also shows two methods of fos-lt also shows two methods of fos-

### GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY FOR NEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH



The Rev. C. N. Barnette, minister of the First Christian Church of Plymouth, turns the first spade full of dirt at the ground-breaking ceremony for a new church building here on Sunday, March 6, following the regular morning service at the church. Officials in the left foreground include C. O. Kelly, building fund treasurer; Russell Owens, member of the building committee; W. W. Hardison, Sunday School superintendent; R. E. Bowen, chairman of the building committee; and E. H. Liverman, chairman of the official board. Several hundred members of the church congregation and friends attended the ceremony. The new church is to be erected in the 300 block of East Main Street on a lot that extends through to Third Street.—Weaver Studio photo.

## Look for Number Protests At Review Meet Monday

Firemen Busy

Last Friday

that prompt action by the fire-men probably averted rather

serious damage at the Atlas Plywood plant.

reports have been turned in the

annual Red Cross drive which got

underway here this week is pro-

gressing well according to all in-

Dr. Whitehurst said Co-Chair-

"doing all right" and that they

Plymouth Rotary Club has as-

Workers in other sections of

Dr. Whitehurst said reports are

chapter chairman, reports.

Approximately 50 Owners Of Real Property Have Already Registered Complaints Over Valuations

Notices of new tax valuations, ecently mailed to property owners in this county, have brought immediate and definite reactions and have caused as much talk probably as anything to happen here for many a day. Accordi ly, it is expected that quite a number of citizens will appear Monday of next week when the county commissioners sit at the courthouse as a board of equilization and review.

valuation on real estate in the county'indicate an increased val-uation of \$468,140 in Plymouth

ation in Scuppernong Township

A Washington County Tax De- both. partment official explained that there are several reasons why the new total valuation in Plymouth Township is higher. For one thing, it has been pointed out that the work is really more of an greater inequalities existed in the old listings on buildings than on land. Plymouth Township with over half the total county population has far more buildings than any other township in the county. The percentage of buildings in relation to land acreage is also much higher. There is and a far greater concentration crop. of industries. It was also pointed | The exhibit, which is attractivenersville Townships some property was listed which actually office here.

See VALUATION, Page 8 tering growth of pine seedlings Tuesday of next week.

Last Friday, a real March day, was a busy one for Plymouth, died at 8 o'clock Monday outh firemen. The local smoke chasers answered three alarms within the space of an hour or

Mrs. Read had been in declining health for the past 10 years and had been confined to her bed for a year. She had suffered falls lately which aggs vated her condit The first call was to the North Carolina Pulp Company plant where a trash fire got out plant where a trash fire got out of hand. In quick succession the other call were to Atlas Plywood Company and to East Haven back of W. S. Davenport's residence to a grass fire. Practically no damage resulted in either case but it was said that memora action but the fire

She was a nation of Tyrrell County, born July 8, 1869, the daughter of the late Benjamin and Annie Latham Owens. She moved with her family to Plymuoth in her young girlhood and had lived here since that time. Mrs. Read was a member and

Demonstration Is

Set Near Mackeys

A sweet potato treating and

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Although no actual financial grandchildren and seven great-borth. Ervin Hassell, Norman as long as health permitted a regular attendant of Grace Epis-

Last rites were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Dixon. Grace Church, with the rector. dications, Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, the Rev. E. M. Spruill, officiating, assisted by the Rev. C. N. Barnette, minister of First Christian Church, and the Rev. John C. Owens, of Ahoskie.

Interment was in the church

## New Building for Seafood

A. J. Byrd said yesterday that he expects construction of his new seafood market to be completed this week and hopes to open for this week and hopes to open for business within the next two Pentecostal Holiness Church for

Mr. Byrd, who has been in the Mr. Jones, a native of Washingseafood business before as a re- ton County and a member of the tailer and also had a clothing Roper church, died Saturday at store here several years ago, is 2:30 p. m. in a Norfolk hospital does not include any new builddoes not include any new buildthe county are expected to canbuilding a concrete block structafter an illness of one week. He
vass tonight or Friday night, or
ure near the river back of the
had been in declining health for town water tank. Overall the the past five months. building will measure 18 by 28 expected in this week-end or the feet.

first of next week. It is hoped to complete the drive this week. kinds of seafood.

# Market Nears Completion Services Monday

## equalization than revaluation project. And admittedly more and Public Invited to See Timber Exhibit Here

The public is invited to view where they are overtopped by an exhibit in the corridor of the Agriculture Building here which in the township than in the oth- trees and to protect and encourers, also more new construction age the growth of the present

among townships in the way up by North Carolina Pulp Comproperty was put on the books and that in Lees Mill and Skin- ern Pulpwood Conservation Association and the county agent's

The exhibit urges "Plant More able at the exhibit.

One method is girdling the hardwoods with an axe and the other much more newly cleared land emphasizes the need to plant more is frill cutting with chemicals.

planting in 1940 which was harout that there were differences ly arranged and lighted, was put vested in 1954 with a yield of 38 Rev. J. D. Jayroe, pastor of the

## Leaders Pleased With Response To Bloodmobile Here

Effort of School on Behalf of Blood Program Praised; 113 Pints Secured on Quarterly Visit

Leaders of the local blood bank program were pleased with the response to the quarterly visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile here Wednesday of last week. A total of 113 pints was donated, exceeding the quota of 110 pints.

Much of the credit for the success was given to the schools. It was said that Principal J. S. Fleming and the faculty at Plymouth High School worked hard to help the cause along and that every classroom was represented by parents who gave blood.

Mrs. Eloise Owens' sixth grade was winner of the \$5 prize given to the room having greatest representation of parent - donors. There were 10 donors credited to the winning grade.

Volunteer nurses who helped during the day were listed as fol-lows: Mrs. T. W. Tarkenton, of Pleasant Grove, and Mrs. Victor Alexander and Miss Dorothy Sut-

on, of Plymouth. Clerical and canteen workers vere Mrs. Frances Sessoms, Mrs. W. R. Klass, Mrs. Lillian Shugar, Mrs. Durant Keel, Mrs. Perry Turner, Mrs. J. S. Fleming, Mrs. L. D Jones and Mrs W. R Collins. Those who responded during

Mrs. Claudia Read
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Perry Turner, Mrs. Darlene
Buck, Julius Bauler, Fred Davenport, Roy Manning, jr., Ray Sloan,
A. J. Ange, jr., J. F. Cox, Clarence Barnes, W. E. Lilley, Wil-

Mrs. Claudia Read, widow of the late Jack W. Read, of Plym-ton, Nathan C. Phelps, Philip Liverman, E. E. Harrell, J. R. Lanknight at the Washington County Hospital after a long illness. She Frank Bickerstaff, Mrs. Frank Bickerstaff, Leslie Darby, Ran-kin Ambrose, Mrs. W. L. Riddick,

kin Ambrose, Mrs. W. L. Riddick,
Mrs. Edwin Long, Mrs. James
Modlin, Mrs. Lloyd Owens, Lawrence D. Jones, Mrs. W. R. Collins, Carolyn Brinkley;
T. W. Norman, Mrs. Marion
Hackbarth, J. R. Swain, C. A.
Cratch, H. B. Gaylord, L. B.
Brinkley, J. E. Batema, H. B.
Pierce, Ed Stewart, L. Ronald
Waters, Dorothy Sutton, H. C. Waters, Dorothy Sutton, H. C. Carter, Mrs. Burma L. Brown, Mrs. Luther C. Jett, Luther Jett, Clayton Ragland, T. P. Sander-

son, John Forbes Davenport; barth, Ervin Hassell, Norman White, Marion Ramsey, Aubrey

William E. Waters, Dallas Waters, L. L. Sawyer, Mrs. L. L. Saw-yer, Mrs. Estelle Spruill, Mrs. Harry Barnhill, H. F. Perkins, Luke Daniels, Jean Doxey, Ben Ganderson, Arthur R. Spruill, C. A. Hough, Mrs. Irma Hough, Mer-

See BLOODMOBILE, Page 5

# For Ernest Jones

Funeral services were held Ernest Jones, 44, of Norfolk, Va., He was born June 7, 1910, the

son of Gabe and Ione Peacock The new market will handle all Jones, of Roper, who survive. He moved from Roper to Norfolk two years ago and had made his home in the Virginia city since that

Surviving besides his parents are his widow, Mary Ambrose Jones, of Norfolk; three daughters, Evelyn Marie, Earnestine and Louise Fay Jones, all of Norfolk; a son, Homer Leroy Jones, of Norfolk; three sisters, Mrs. Ida

Oliver, Mrs. Ella Mae Phelps, and Mrs. Maude Miller Peele, all of Roper; four brothers, Dallas Jones, Newport News, Va., Ray-A cross section of a 14-year-old loblolly pine is displayed with the information that it is from a Jones, Roper.

Services were conducted by the cords per acre, or 2.71 cords average per acre per year.

Free booklets on "Improving the Timber Stand" and "How Paper Comes From Trees" are avail- in Jones Cemetery, near Roper. The body remained at Horner's carried to the church.

### have confused Mr. Byrd with Jesse Lloyd Horton, jr., son of Mrs. J. L. Horton, of Plymouth, R. M. Byrd, head of the tax revaluation project in the county. was on the honor roll for the "I came out of the house the scholastic month recently ended other day and there was a carat Virginia Episcopal School, Lynchburg, Va., it was announced last Friday by Dr. George L. Barton, jr., headmaster. A general ful of men waiting for me," A. J. Byrd said. "I have been accosted on the street by folks who wanted to know all about average of 90 per cent or over on the revaluation. I want to get it all subjects is required for the honor roll, and Lloyd was one of across to people that I am the Byrd who used to be in the clothing business here and not the Byrd in charge of the rea dozen boys in the school on the

An overflow crowd heard the Wake Forest College choir at Ludford Memorial Baptist Church Sunday night. The church was half filled with people almost an hour prior to the start of the pro-gram, it was said. The audience gave the most rapt attention and the performance was described

It's a great day for the Irish! made plans for this year's Ameri-Yep, today is St. Patrick's Day Yep, today is St. Patrick's Day and you can tell the real sons of cation and fund raising crusade. Mrs. Harrison To the ould sod by the wearing o' Mrs. Craft's appointment as the green. Not much to mark the chairman has been confirmed by day around here but in New York Dr. John R. Kernodle, State cam-

## Bills Introduced ing organization, assured the group of the whole hearted sup-By Phelps, Owens

House this week by Dr. J. M. Phelps, county representative, that would allow payments for their experiences of past years that would allow payments for the meeting.

Harry Browning, focus to the Mrs. H. C. Carter was elected in producing a night dollars acreed to the meeting.

Mrs. H. C. Carter was elected in producing a night dollars acreed to the meeting. on county dog taxes in Washington County when proof of the collector. The bill, know as House and Pubilicity completed the Bill 601, was referred to the Com- group mittee on Finance.

Representative Sawyer of Tyrrell Also others who might help in president, presided in the absence demonstration. I hope all will County of House Bill 602, which would allow the Department of Conservation and Development to spend up to \$25,000, to be matched by landowners, in improving the drainage of Lake Phelps in Tyrrell and Washington Counties. The bill was referred to the Committee on Drainage.

Senator Edward L. Owens in troduced a bill in the Senate Tuesday night which would authe Plymouth Town Council to make blanket adoption of real estate valuation as certified by the county. It was referred to committee.

### Local Veterans Plan To Hold Dance on April 2

The local posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars are perfecting plans for a dance at the Veterans Building here Saturday, April 2, spokesmen said this week.

Music will be furnished by Raymond Taylor and his orchestra of Roanoke Rapids and danc ing will be from 9 to 1 o'clock. A 71/2 horsepower outboard

motor will be offered as a door

Proceeds will be used to reduce the indebtedness on building, it was said.

## Cancer Campaign Plans Completed

the sons of the Emerald Isle will paign chairman. Mrs. Durant really come into their own today. Keel, president of the Plymouth Woman's Club, the local sponsoring organization, assured the port of the organization she rep-

vaccination is supplied to the tax chairman in charge of Education

the campaign were discussed.

At a meeting in the home of Mrs. Edward Craft the following persons from Washington County

resented.
Miss Elizabeth Wood, chairman of the Cancer Societies local exe-A bill was introduced in the cutive committee, along with Mrs. House this week by Dr. J. M. Harry Browning, local commandcutive committee, along with Mrs.

and Harry E. Newland, vice-

## This Week-End About 300 scouts from the Was-

matry and Beaufort-Hyde Districts are expected to attend the of the district scout committee Edenton, Columbia, Creswell, Ro and former Plymouth scoutmas- per, Belhaven and Plymouth.

ter, said yesterday. Bailey said all scout troops in rell, and Beaufort Counties are listed, Warren said. expected to be represented here

The event will be held in Still- Tobacco Growers acres, adjoining the ball park. The scouts will begin arriving in mid-afternoon Friday and will be assigned to camp sites. Patrols will pitch tents and set up camp

sites following registration. A general campfire and get-together for all scouts will follow supper Friday night. Then on Saturday the boys will participate in various contests such as a race over an obstacle course, string-burning contest, first aid contest,

Sunday morning before the couts break camp religious servat 9 o'clock, by the Rev. Paul B. Nickens, pastor of Ludford Memonstration will show equipment for putting out soil fumi-

The public is invited to the general campfire either Friday night or Saturday night and also a good 15 minute show to watch," the county agent declared.

The program will begin at 6:45 at any other time, Mr. Bailey

The camporee is expected to be See SCOUTS, Page 8

Mrs. H. E. Harrison was elected Teacher Association for the coming year at the regular meeting start promptly at 9:30 o'clock. of the organization held at Plymouth High School Tuesday afternoon of this week. Mrs. Harrison present to show the proper succeeds Mrs. Ben Ganderson who has served for the past two years

Aubrey Liverman, treasurer appointive and will be filled and

# about twice as large as any ever held here previously. Its purpose Demonstration Is

est to them.

Head Local PIA held on the Herbert Chesson farm in that township reflect an innear Mackeys Friday morning of crease rather than a decrease and this week, County Agent W. H. would change the county-wide into head the Plymouth Parent- Pruden has announced. Mr. Pru- crease to \$580,136. No figures den said the demonstration would

which will show the corre-method of fumigating tobacc

gant, depth to place and other

important factors. "It should be

H. M. Covington, Extension sweet potato specialist, will be present to show the proper method of selecting seed, treating to the total valuation in Skinseed and putting potatoes into as president of the PTA. the ground. This is the first step
Mrs. H. C. Carter was elected in producing a high dollars acre the ground. This is the first step

appointive and will be filled and announced later by the president.

Mrs. L. S. Thompson gave an interesting and inspirational talk on "Spiritual and Religious on "Spirit An outline of the duties of each followed and plans were outlined School." Mrs. Nickens, the vice sweet potatoes to attend this \$472.854 decrease of \$76.028; and decrease

STAFF OF "ROANOKE LOG," PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL



Above are pictured members of the staff of "The Roanoke Log," annual yearbook of Plymouth High School. Left to right in the front row are: Ray Lilley, photographic editor; Jane Keel, business manager; Harriett Keyes, editor-in-chief; Sue Riddle, advertising manager; Lynette Modlin, art editor; Leroy Simpson, sports editor; second row: Raymond Styons, senior class poet; Betsy Brinkley, senior class historian; Bobby Beasley, senior class prophet; Linda Floyd, senior class testator; Shelby Peyton, lyric composer; George Painter, senior class editor; third row: Marguerite Arnold and Narcissa Harrison, freshmen reporters; Betty Ann Burnham and Mable Hardison, junior class reporters; Jean Bennett and Nancy Jackson, sophomore reporters.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.