The Roper Future Farmers of America placed second behind William R. Davie in the beef cattle and swine judging contest at the recent district meeting in Tarboro and won the right along with the first place judging team to represent the district at the State FFA convention in Raleigh in June. There are 78 chapters in

Interest in several cases was high and drew an unusually large crowded spectators to the all day session of recorder's court here Tuesday of this week. Most times, the collored spectators far outnumber the whites at court but such was not the case Tuesday. There were two or three long-drawnout cases which consumed most of the day and many cases had to be continued for trial at a later date.

The county health departmen reported late Wednesday that no instructions had been received concerning the second shots of Salk anti-polio vaccine to be given first and second-grade students in schools of the county First shots were administered to 584 students in the schools be tween April 20 and April 25.

C. Clyde Hardison returned to Durham Wednesday afternoon o this week to be near his wife who is hospitalized there. Mr. Hardison came home Tuesday for a short while before going back. Mrs. Hardison is reported to be getting along as well as could be expected. It was not learned when she may be able to return home

The Albemarle Schoolmasters Club will meet Monday of next week at the Plymouth High School lunchroom, beginning at 6:30 p. m., County Superintendent R. F. Lowry has announced. Vester M. Mulholland, director of research and statistics, State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, will be the principal

Parade Here This **Afternoon Starts** Annual Festival

Parade To Ball Park From High School at 3:30 P. M.; Contestants in Queen's Home Club Week

Activities in the first annual May Day Festival, being sponsored in Plymouth by the Band Boosters, will begin at 3:30 p. m. Thursday of this week with a parade from the high school being observed as National Home through town to the ball park. Demonstration Week in Wash-The high school band will lead ington County, according to Mrs. the parade and the junior band Frances M. Darden, county home will also march, as will the rhy- demonstration agent. thm band from the first three

The children in the baby contest and those from the first said. The club women served a Bishop Garber's least and those from the first said. test and those from the first grades will be picked up at the delicious ham dinner to the councorner of Washington and Main Street and will parade only through town, then will be taken

to the ball park by their parents There will be plenty of food, hot dogs sandwiches cakes pies home-made candy and drinks for sale at the park and all who will are asked to help the band by having their evening meal there. Entertainment in the way of pony and jeep rides has been planned for the smaller children.

Several selections will be rendered by the marching band, junior band and rhythm band immediately preceding the May Pole dance, then the coronation ceremonies will begin, Mrs. Iris Etheridge is directing the May Pole dance and folk dancing for the

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Davis Rites Held At Zion's Chapel

Funeral services were held Monday at 3 p. m. from Zion's Chapel Church of Christ, near Roper, for Miss Octavie Davis, of Roper RFD. Miss Davis died at 7 p. m. Saturday in a Raleigh hospital after a brief illness. She was 78 years of age. She had been in declining health for about six years and had been confined to her bed for three days.

Miss Davis was the daughter of the late Hardie and Loretta Poyner Davis, of this county where she was born November 12, 1876. She was a member of Zion's Chapel Church.

Survivors include two brothers. T. H. Davis and E. L. Davis, both of Roper.

Services were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. R. L. Gardiner and assisted by the Rev. Dave Arnold, of Washington. Interment was in the church ceme-

The body was left at Horner's Funeral Home until one hour before the service when it was carried to the church.

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AND WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS

Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, May 5, 1955 **VOLUME LXVI—NUMBER 18**

WILL DEDICATE CHURCH STRUCTURE SUNDAY

The new educational building and completely renovated main part of the Plymouth Methodist Church will be dedicated in a special service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, with Bishop Paul N. Garber, of Richmond, Va., in charge. Above is a view of the church with the educational building addition as seen from Adams Street.—Weaver Studio photo.

Picnic, Open House

Plymouth Methodists.

morning service .

Sunday will be a big day for

The new, modern education

church auditorium and sanctuary

of Plymouth Methodist Church

will be dedicated at the 11 o'clock

Bishop Paul N. Garber, of Rich-

nond, Va., resident bishop of the

bring the message and officially

dedicate the building.
The Rev. Jesse H. Lanning

and oustanding achievement in

teer work."
"It is an evidence of excellent

lay leadership and cooperation

Lanning remarked.

of the Rev. Mr. Lanning.

Banks Will Be

Closed Tuesday

Oh, to be a banker in May!

May, you see, is the banner month for holidays as far as

employees of banking institu-

tions in this state are concern-

ed. Next Tuesday, May 10, is

Confederate "Decoration Day";

Friday, May 20, is Mecklenburg

Declaration of Independence Day; and Monday, May 30, is National Memorial Day. All will be observed by both Plant-

ers National Bank & Trust Company and Branch Banking

The various county offices

will be closed next Tuesday

also, along with state offices. However, the county offices will not observe National Me-morial Day, May 30, at was said.

This week, from Sunday, May

County clubs are holding pro-

ty commissioners and special

guests Monday to start the ob-

Mrs. Darden said each club is

eing urged to work toward in-

creasing its membership during

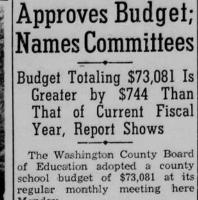
ervance

the present week.

through Saturday, May 7, is

& Trust Company here.





This figure is \$744 greater than the \$72,337 budget which was adopted for the current fiscal year. It is estimated that \$15,-910.67 of this amount will be de rived from state, federal and philanthropic sources, leaving \$57,170.33 to be derived from ounty sources.

Later in the day the budget as adopted by the school board was presented by members and Coun-MethodistsPlanRites ty Superintendent R. F. Lowry to the county commissioners w entatively approved it.

The following local school com-For Building Sunday mittees were appointed during the meeting Monday: Plymouth-A. L. Owens, C. W

Bishop Garber To Be Here Dinkins and R. J. Frymier; Roper-H. S. Everett, J. L. Rea For Dedication Service at and Ronald L. Davenport;

Creswell—H. W. Pritchett, H. P. Barnes and Harold Patrick. 11 A. M.; Followed by The board reluctantly accepted the resignation of H. R. Stillman, chairman of the Creswell School Committee. Mr. Stillman has moved from Creswell to Norfolk, building and newly renovated

Miss Sue H. Underhill was manimously re-elected supervisor or white schools, subject to the allocation of state funds. Mrs. A. B. Boyd was re-elected unanimously as supervisor of Negro Richmond area embracing the Schools, also subject to allocation Virginia Conference and the North Carolina Conference, will

Regular Meeting

Being Observed people of this community," Mr. Inception of the project was made under the ministry of the Rev. T. R. Jenkins; it was carried through in the main under the ministry of the Rev. D. L. Fouts; and completed under the ministry duled for consideration. Mayor A. As the present pastor of the church expressed it, completion of the building is the "culminaof th

signs on Wilson Street at the trailer camp located on his property. The matter was left up to Mayor Riddle and Chief P. W. Brown for investigation.

bout the mosquito fogging machine and was told that it had been made ready and its use would be started within a few

It was also voted unanimously to close the office of the city clerk at 1 p. m. on Saturday in the future. The office has been kept open daily from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., and it was decided that p. m. would be late enough

There was also some discussion about the sale of two steel Ibeams owned by the town, with the matter left up to the mayor. Several other minor matters came up for consideration, but no

Guy Craddock Recently Promoted To Sergeant

the rank of sergenat while serv-ing with the U. S. Army in Worms, Germany. Sergeant Crad-

Education Board MAYOR IS REELECTED



Although he had no formal opposition, Mayor A. J. Riddle polled a total of 304 votes out of 359 cast in the municipal election here Tuesday. He has been mayor of Plymouth since

Lamb Pool To Be Held Here May 24,

Only Pool To Be Held in Plymouth This Year Set For Tuesday, May 24, at School Budget Tentatively Railroad Pens

Only one lamb pool will be held in Plymouth this year, County Agent W. H. Pruden announced this week. In past seasons two pools have

been held but in a recent meeting of county agents, specialists and Monday, tentatively approved a others interested, it was decided to hold only one pool this year. The pool is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, and will be held at budget. dedicate the building.

The Rev. Jesse H. Lanning, minister of the church, states that "this dedication marks an unique and oustanding achievement in the control of the current of the budget of the church of the current of the current of the budget of the current of the current of the budget of the current of

> Cards were mailed to growers this week requesting information the day. ber of Other Routine Mat-needed by the agent's office in order to secure the correct num-

> > ber of freight cars. Wool will be handled the same

The wool will be weighed and made this year to cover neces- of the building for \$200.

sary expenses. Prices are supported this year bills of sale for all lambs and no longer needs the property. wool sold this year, in order to However, the county will reserve collect payments from the ASC. 100 feet facing the highway from A bill of sale from the wool pool the tract of land, it was said. front of their stores. The police will furnish the needed information for growers to collect the

Light Vote Here Tuesday; Two New Men on Council

TWO NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED TUESDAY





Two Men Tied

In Roper Vote

Roper really had a close

election Tuesday, when three

new councilmen were elected,

with the third and fourth man

being tied in the balloting and the choice being made by draw-ing straws. Mayor T. Reynold

Spruill was reelected without

There were five men in the

Hardison, the only incumbent,

14. Mr. Davenport and Mr. Wal-

lace drew straws for the third

County Council

An important meeting of the

4-H Club County Council will be

county 4-H program, announce.

will be held at the meeting, it

was said. All county council of-

ficers have been asked to notify

urge them to enter.

Building at 7:45 p. m.

The county 4-H Dress Revue

Davenport winning.

Above are the two new members of the Plymouth City Council elected from the third ward in the municipal election Tuesday. They are J. D. Mallory (left) and J. B. Holliday.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photos.

Agent Announces County Board Acts On Several Matters

Approved for Next Fiscal Year by County Board; County Home Auction Set

The county commissioners, in regular monthly session here school budget for the next fiscal year calling for \$57,170.33 as the county's part of a \$73,081 total

race for councilmen, with three to be chosen. When the tally was conveled it was found that a. L. McAl ster had 28 votes, W. Batton Swain 27, Howard Davenport and M. B. Wallace had 24 each and Wade Hardison, the only incumbent

by the education board earlier in Projects disted for suggested

use of capital outlay funds in the budget and totaling \$7,900 were: Additions to site and/or conas last year, Mr. Pruden stated. struction of fence across front of city council showed up Monday The North Carolina Department athletic stadium at Plymouth night for their last meeting before of Agriculture will handle the White School, \$2,600; addition to Tuesday's election, with only a wool, with assistance of county site at Roper White School, \$800; number of routine matters sche- agents. The wool will be weighed folding bleachers for Plymouth and graded by the department White School, \$3,500; window J. Riddle presided, with the fol- and sold to the highest bidder on shades for Roper White, \$350, and

The commissioners made a congraded at Gravely's Warehouse, tract with George Smith to re-N. Bridge Street, in Washington pair the columns on the west side held Monday night of next week on June 6 and 7. Farmers may of the courthouse building, to repair the back steps to the north on these dates, watch weighing entrance, the walls in the office of Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home except in the third ward. John and grading, and get their checks the clerk of court, the stairway immediateloy. A deduction of on- in the south part of the building, ly one cent per pound will be and all curbing on the outside

The board set June 1 at 11 a.m. as the date to sell the old county by the government. It will be home property at public autcoin. necessary for growers to have It was explained that the county The commissioners agreed to

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PLYMOUTH JAYCEE OFFICERS INSTALLED AT MEETING LAST FRIDAY

lory and J. B. Holliday; Other Four Councilmen And Mayor Reelected Plymouth's town politics were

Third Ward Elects J. D. Mal-

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to the service of Washington County and its 13,000 people.

> ettled for another two years Tuesday, when local voters went to the polls and elected a mayor and six members of the city council. Although there were con-tests for all offices except that of mayor, interest in the election was at a low ebb, and the total vote in all three wards was only 359, as compared with 749 two

years ago.

Mayor Riddle and four councilmen were reelected, two new members of the council being chosen in the third ward. The incoming council will be composed of E. D. Keel and W. C. Hall from the first ward; Jack B. Latham and Ralph Hunter from the second ward; and J. D. Mallory and C. B. Holliday from the third

for mayor, five persons received write-in votes for the office. L. N. Womble led in this respect with three votes in the second ward and three in the third. J. A. Iolbrook received three votes in the third ward, Harvey Hobbs two, also in the third ward, and Mack Marrow received two in the first ward. Dr. T. L. Bray and W. F. Winslow received one vote each in the second ward. Mayor Riddle led the ticket, of course, in all three wards, getting 68 in the first, 140 in the second and 96 in the third, for a total of 304 out of the 359 votes cast.

Closest race was in the third ward, which had five candidates for two places on the council. J. D. Mallory, making his first run for office, led with 67; followed by J. B. Holliday with 54, Harvey Hobbs with 47, J. D. Cruickshank with 36, and J. W. (Mack) Brown with 18. Mallory and Holliday were declared elected at the official canvass held in the city clenk's office last night.

In the first ward race for coun-cil, E. D. Keel, who has been a member since 1945, led with 63 rotes. W. C. Hall, first elected in 1953, was also reelected with 54 votes; and W. J. Weaver, a form-

place on the council with Mr. er member, trailed with 22. Both incumbents were reelect-Only 40 votes were cast in the ed in the second ward, J. B. Latham being the leading councilnanic candidate with 109 votes; Ralph Hunter getting 105, and Ronald Tetterton trailing with 79. Meeting Monday Latham is starting on his second term in the office while Hunter has served one full term and part

last year to fill an unexpired There was very little "politickagent, who are supervisors of the Forbes Davenport, one of the incumbents in the third ward, was not a candidate this year; while and the county talent contest J. D. Cruickshanks, the other member from that ward, filed but

of another, having been appointed

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club members of the contests and Services Monday Billy Knowles, president of the council, will preside and Plym-For Mrs. Freeman outh 4-H Clubs will be in charge of the program. These officers are asked to be in the Agriculture

Mrs. Fleta L. Freeman, widow of the late Rev. Henry L. Free-man, of Plymouth, died at 11 a. m. Sunday at the home of her son, W. T. Freeman, near here.

Mrs. Freeman had been in declining health for about 11 years and had been confined to her bed for the past five months. She was a native and lifelong resident of this county, born April 14, 1873, the daughter of the late Thomas and Alice Roberson Craft. She was for 67 years a member of Zion's Chapel Church of Christ, near Roper, and for some time taught a Sunday School class

She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Mattie Sitterson, of Plymouth, and Mrs. Mary Sofsky, of Fredonia, New York; a son, W. T. Freeman, of Plymouth; one foster son, Cecil Craft, jr., of Roper; four half-brothers, Cecil Craft, sr., of Plymouth; T. L. Craft, of Bethel, T. R. Craft, of Chapel Hill, and E. W. Craft, of Princeton, W. Va.; 23 grandchildren and 30 greatgrandchildren.

Last rites were conducted from Zion's Chapel Church Monday aftermoon at 4:30 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. R. L. Gardiner. assisted by the Rev. C. N. Barnette, minister of First Christian Church, Plymouth. Burial follow-

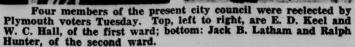
Officers of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce for the coming club year were installed at the annual ladies' night dinner held last Friday night at the Plymouth Country Club. James Boyce served as toastmaster for the occasion, which was attended by about 75 Jayoees, "old-timers," special guests and their ladies. Pictured above, left to right, are: Jack House, jr., treasurer; Marvin Weaver, director; James Porter, sergeant at arms; Walton Swain, director; James Parvin, secretary; Ralph Hunter, incoming president; James Boyce, state director; J. B. Smith, jr., vice president of the Greenville Jaycees, installing officer; Carl L. Bailey, jr., second vice president; A.L. Whitehurst, retiring president; Walt Furlong, director; Bob Howell, first vice president; and James H. Ward, director.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo. ed in the church cemetery. The remains were left at Hor-ner's Funeral Home until an hour prior to the service and then carried to the church.

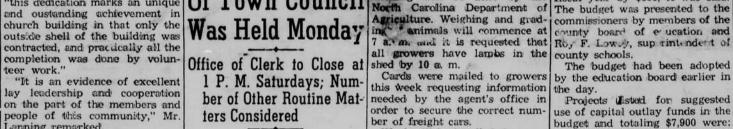
FOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS REELECTED TUESDAY











on the part of the members and Four members of the Plymouth

grams on the local level to mark tion of some years of need, hopes Hunter of the second ward. W. Roland Gaylord appeared Bishop Garber's leadership of and asked the council to put a the two conferences has been street light and some caution termed "oustanding" and Mr. signs on Wilson Street at the Lanning declared, "We are happy to have him with us for this

The education building is mod-Councilman Latham asked See METHODISTS, Page 10

There was some discussion about local storekeepers displaying merchandise on the street in chief was directed to notify them to cease the practice and begin support price on wool prosecution of any who failed to

It was voted unanimously to increase the amount of fire insurance carried on the old city market building from \$5,000 to \$10,000, with the policies to be carried by two local agents.

n Saturdays. action was taken.

Guy Craddock, son of Mrs Blanche Craddock of Plymouth, and Cecil Craddock of Roanoke Rapids, was recently promoted to dock went into the service in March, 1952, and received basic training at Fort Bliss, Texas, afterwards serving two years in Germany. He recently reenlisted for three years and is again stationed in Germany.