

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 the district.

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

The county health department 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 between April 20 and April 25.

C. Clyde Hardison returned to Durham Wednesday afternoon of 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, however.

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 speaker.

### Parade Here This Afternoon Starts Annual Festival

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

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 through town to the ball park. The high school band will lead the parade and the junior band will also march, as will the rhythm band from the first three grades.

The children in the baby contest and those from the first grades will be picked up at the corner 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 be 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 Queen of May.

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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 Octavia 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 cemetery.

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

### 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.

### Methodists Plan Rites For Building Sunday

### 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 institutions in this state are concerned. 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 Planters National Bank & Trust Company and Branch Banking & Trust Company here.

The various county offices will be closed next Tuesday also, along with state offices. However, the county offices will not observe National Memorial Day, May 30, it was said.

### Home Club Week Being Observed

This week, from Sunday, May 1, through Saturday, May 7, is being observed as National Home Demonstration Week in Washington County, according to Mrs. Frances M. Darden, county home demonstration agent.

County clubs are holding programs on the local level to mark the annual week, Mrs. Darden said. The club women served a delicious ham dinner to the county commissioners and special guests Monday to start the observance.

Mrs. Darden said each club is being urged to work toward increasing its membership during the present week.

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### Regular Meeting Of Town Council Was Held Monday

Office of Clerk to Close at 1 P. M. Saturdays; Number of Other Routine Matters Considered

Four members of the Plymouth city council showed up Monday night for their last meeting before Tuesday's election, with only a number of routine matters scheduled for consideration. Mayor A. J. Riddle presided, with the following councilmen present: E. D. Keel and W. C. Hall, of the first ward; J. B. Latham and Ralph Hunter of the second ward.

W. Roland Gaylord appeared and asked the council to put a street light and some caution 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.

Councilman Latham asked about the mosquito fogging machine and was told that it had been made ready and its use would be started within a few days.

There was some discussion about local storekeepers displaying merchandise on the street in front of their stores. The police chief was directed to notify them to cease the practice and begin prosecution of any who failed to comply.

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.

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 1 p. m. would be late enough on Saturdays.

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

### Guy Craddock Recently Promoted to Sergeant

Guy Craddock, son of Mrs. Blanche Craddock of Plymouth, and Cecil Craddock of Roanoke Rapids, was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant while serving with the U. S. Army in Worms, Germany. Sergeant Craddock 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.

### Light Vote Here Tuesday; Two New Men on Council

### TWO NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED TUESDAY



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.

### County Board Acts On Several Matters

### School Budget Tentatively Approved for Next Fiscal Year by County Board; County Home Auction Set

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

The county's part of the budget is greater than for the current fiscal year by \$656, it was said. The budget was presented to the commissioners by members of the county board of education and R. F. Lowry, superintendent of county schools.

The budget had been adopted by the education board earlier in the day.

Projects listed for suggested use of capital outlay funds in the budget and totaling \$7,900 were: Additions to site and/or construction of fence across front of athletic stadium at Plymouth White School, \$2,600; addition to site at Roper White School, \$800; folding bleachers for Plymouth White School, \$3,500; window shades for Roper White, \$350; and for Creswell White, \$150; and cafeteria tables and chairs at Plymouth Colored, \$500.

The commissioners made a contract with George Smith to repair the columns on the west side of the courthouse building, to repair the back steps to the north entrance, the walls in the office of the clerk of court, the stairway in the south part of the building, and all curbing on the outside of the building for \$200.

The board set June 1 at 11 a. m. as the date to sell the old county home property at public auction. It was explained that the county no longer needs the property. However, the county will reserve 100 feet facing the highway from the tract of land, it was said.

The commissioners agreed to

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### PLYMOUTH JAYCEE OFFICERS INSTALLED AT MEETING LAST FRIDAY



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 Jaycees, "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.

### Third Ward Elects J. D. Mallory and J. B. Holliday; Other Four Councilmen And Mayor Reelected

Plymouth's town politics were settled 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 contests 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 ward.

Although there was no contest 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. Holbrook 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 88 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 clerk's office last night.

In the first ward race for council, E. D. Keel, who has been a member since 1945, led with 63 votes. W. C. Hall, first elected in 1953, was also reelected with 54 votes; and W. J. Weaver, a former member, trailed with 22.

Both incumbents were reelected in the second ward, J. B. Latham being the leading councilman candidate with 109 votes; Ralph Hunter getting 105, and Ronald Tetterton trailing with 79. Latham is starting on his second term in the office while Hunter has served one full term and part of another, having been appointed last year to fill an unexpired term.

There was very little "politicking" done by any of the candidates; in fact, hardly any at all except in the third ward. John Forbes Davenport, one of the incumbents in the third ward, was not a candidate this year; while J. D. Cruickshank, the other member from that ward, filed but

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### Services Monday For Mrs. Freeman

Mrs. Fleta L. Freeman, widow of the late Rev. Henry L. Freeman, of Plymouth, died at 11 a. m. Sunday at the home of her son, W. T. Freeman, near here. She was 82.

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 there.

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 great-grandchildren.

Last rites were conducted from Zion's Chapel Church Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. R. L. Gardiner, assisted by the Rev. C. N. Bernette, minister of First Christian Church, Plymouth. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

The remains were left at Horner's Funeral Home until an hour prior to the service and then carried to the church.