

Ed Craft and C. S. Heynen represented Washington County at the meeting of the Pamlico Soil Conservation District held Monday night at the Mayflower Restaurant here. The Goodyear Awards program was discussed at the meeting. The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company will award an all-expense trip to Arizona to the outstanding farmer of the winning district, it was said. Other counties represented at the meeting were Beaufort, Hyde and Tyrrell.

Workmen were busy yesterday burying steel poles for erection of a permanent fence around the Sinclair storage plant and office building on West Water Street. The temporary wooden fence was torn down to make way for the permanent one. Work on renovating the old freight building which will provide office and storage space at the plant is progressing well, it was said.

Miss Roberta Lytle, psychiatric social work consultant with the Alcoholic Rehabilitation program, was in Plymouth Friday of last week to speak to a local group on the program in this state. The meeting was held in the offices of the Washington County Department of Public Welfare. Persons from Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington County attended. The meeting was the first of its kind to be held in this section, according to Mrs. Ursula Spruill, county welfare superintendent.

Francis Everett and Mitchell Armstrong, members of the Roper 4-H Club, had steers at the Fat Stock Show and Sale at Elizabeth City Wednesday of this week. The two boys went to Elizabeth City Tuesday and spent the night to be on hand for the show. County Agent W. H. Pruden left here early Wednesday to attend, also.

### Johnston Rites Set for Friday

Funeral services will be held Friday at 3 p. m. at Grace Episcopal Church here for Alfred Stuart Johnston, 58, of Plymouth. Mr. Johnston, a native of Hertford County, died Wednesday at 11:15 a. m. at a Richmond, Va., hospital, following a three months' illness.

Mr. Johnston was the son of the late Capt. Stuart L. and Margaret Garrett Johnston, of Washington County. He was born April 12, 1897, and had been a resident of Washington County since the age of two. He served in World War II in the U. S. Army. He was a member of Grace Episcopal Church.

He leaves one sister, Mrs. Mary Cotton Davenport, of Chapel Hill. Services will be conducted by the Rev. E. M. Spruill, Episcopal rector, and interment will be in Garrett Cemetery near Plymouth. The family requests that no flowers be sent, but donations to Grace Episcopal Church for a suitable memorial will be accepted.

### Schoolmasters in Meeting Here on Monday at School

Vester M. Mulholland Talks On Mission to Korea, Also Shows Slides; J. T. Biggers New President

Vester M. Mulholland, director of research and statistics, State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, spoke on his mission to Korea and showed slides to illustrate his talk at the meeting of the Albemarle Schoolmasters Club held at Plymouth High School lunchroom Monday night of this week.

Mr. Mulholland was introduced by R. F. Lowry, superintendent of county schools.

The invocation was spoken by N. W. Shelton, superintendent of Hyde County schools, and the welcome was extended by Principal J. S. Fleming, of Plymouth High School. Special guests recognized were L. E. Hassell, of Roper, chairman of the Washington County Education Board, and Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge, of Plymouth, and J. Whitford Swain, of Roper, members of the board.

Entertainment was furnished by the high school band and orchestra and baton twirlers, directed by Ed Taylor.

A delicious Smithfield ham dinner was enjoyed.

The business session was in charge of S. D. O'Neal, president of the club. New officers were elected as follows: J. T. Biggers, Perquimans County school superintendent, president; Gerald D. James, Edenboro High School principal, vice-president; Mrs. M. L. Basnight, of the Edenton school faculty, secretary; and Phillip E. Meekins, Camden

### WINNERS IN MAY DAY FESTIVAL BABY CONTEST



John Speight Lilley, jr. (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lilley, and Barbara Gail Gurganus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gurganus, were winners of the May Day Festival Baby Contest here last Thursday afternoon. They were selected from a field of 52 contestants by out-of-town judges.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

### Raise \$600 for Band At May Day Festival

### Liquor Passes The Acid Test

Differences of opinion were expressed over the quality of a gallon of bootleg whiskey which was placed as evidence on a table in the courtroom here during the regular weekly session of recorder's court Tuesday morning.

Some said it was excellent stuff while at least one lawyer averred it didn't even smell like whiskey to him. A small amount of the booze was poured out and a match struck and thrown into the puddle. The blue flame which resulted testified to the high proof of the moonshine.

### Boyd, Keyes Get Senior Honors

Gracie Mavis Boyd has been named valedictorian of the Plymouth High School senior class. She has made outstanding grades in high school and has also been active in extra-curricula activities. These activities include holding office in both the Future Homemakers of America and the National Honor Society. Mavis has been a class officer and was chosen as chief commencement marshal during her junior year. She has also served on the yearbook and "Panther" staff during both junior and senior years.

Harriet Linnie Keyes has been named salutatorian. Harriet, too, has been active in both school work and extra-curricula affairs. She has been an active member of the Monogram Club, was an asset to the girls' basketball team and has been in the FFA and held several offices in it during her high school career. She has held several class offices, has been in the National Honor Society two years, has been on the Student Council, "Panther" staff, and was editor-in-chief of the senior yearbook. Harriet also was a commencement marshal in her Junior year and won the "Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow" contest at the school.

### Seriously Hurt In Sunday Accident

Mrs. Vernice Allen, of Norfolk, Va., was seriously injured in an automobile accident Sunday on the Long Ridge Road. She was admitted to Washington County Hospital here Sunday night and transferred Monday to a Norfolk hospital where her condition is reported critical.

Mrs. Allen was a passenger in a 1949 Oldsmobile operated by Howard Mallison Aige, also of Norfolk. Mr. Aige lost control of the vehicle while traveling north on the Long Ridge Road about five miles from Plymouth. The car overturned on a curve just north of Elwood Wynn's according to the report of State Highway Patrolman Carl Gilchrist, of Plymouth, who made the investigation. Time of the accident was placed at 6:15 o'clock. Aige escaped without injury.

### LAST FRIDAY WAS A BIG NIGHT FOR LOCAL JUNIORS AND SENIORS



The conga line above was photographed at the annual junior-senior prom of Plymouth High School held Friday night of last week at the Country Club of Plymouth. Facilities of the entire club were turned over to the high school students and their invited guests for the occasion, which was attended by an estimated 200 persons. Music for the dancing was furnished by the Duke Ambassadors from Duke University, Durham.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

### Dedication Day Draws Big Crowd To Local Church

### Bishop Garber Lauds Spirit Behind the Construction Of Education Building at Plymouth Church

Large crowds attended the dedication service at Plymouth Methodist Church Sunday morning and also the achievement service that night, the minister, the Rev. Jesse H. Lanning, reports.

Participating in the dedication were Bishop Paul N. Garber, of the Richmond area, the Rev. Dwight L. Fouts, the minister under whose ministry most of the building was done, and the present minister, Mr. Lanning.

The commission on education, with Mrs. J. Robert Campbell as chairman, presented the building to the bishop for dedication. The choir, with Lloyd Gilbert as organist, had an effective part in the service. The rendition of the anthem, "Long Hast Thou Stood, O Church," by Lindeman, was notably effective, it was said.

Bishop Garber spoke on the subject, "The Spirit That Has Made Methodism Great." He noted the appropriateness of such a service on Mother's Day, stating that Susanna Wesley, the mother of John Wesley, Methodism's founder, was diligent in educating the members of her family. He spoke of the pioneer spirit of Methodism which now spreads throughout this land, founding churches, schools and colleges.

The bishop said he usually urged congregations to follow this spirit but found that something of this spirit had built the local church and the speaker congratulated those who had worked and shared to build the education building. He indicated that he felt this spirit would carry on the things the building was erected to accomplish.

Following the dedication ceremony, those participating shared in a picnic on the church grounds. Many visitors went through the new plant during the open house period in the afternoon.

An achievement service was held at 8 p. m. with the Rev. Fouts bringing the message. A large congregation shared in the service. Many made expressions of appreciation and gratitude. It was a great day for Plymouth Methodist Church—some said it was one of the greatest days in the history of the church.

### Walter Swain To Head VFW Post

Walter Swain will head the Bossie Bateman post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, for the coming year.

Swain was named commander, replacing Melvin Boyd, at elections held at the regular meeting of the organization at the veterans building here Thursday night of last week.

Other officers for the 1955-56 year are as follows: Clifford Frymier, senior vice-commander; Bill Booth, junior vice-commander; Phil Liverman, quartermaster; Chester Askew, post advocate; Ralph Hunter, chaplain; Dr. C. McGowan, surgeon; Bill McCombs and Norman White, trustees. W. J. Weaver is holdover as trustee. Other officers will be appointed by the incoming commander.

### Closing Programs at Local School

Graduation events at Plymouth High School will begin Friday, May 27, when the seniors will present their annual class night exercises, entitled "Seniorella." The annual commencement ceremony will be delivered Sunday night, May 29, and the graduation exercises are slated for Tuesday night, May 31.

The senior class night program, beginning at 8 o'clock, will include facts from the historian,

Betsy Brinkley; the statistician, Daryl Tetterton; the poet, Raymond Stymus; the testator, Linda Floyd; the prophet, Bobby Beasley; the lyric composer, Shelby Peyton; and the gifforian, Pat Williams.

The commencement sermon will be preached by the Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, minister of the First Methodist Church, of Wilson. The high school glee club will also take part in the program, which is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock.

Graduation exercises also are scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock. The graduation address will be delivered by Dr. J. Glenn Blackburn, pastor of the Wake Forest Baptist Church and chaplain of Wake Forest College. Following the awards, the salutatory and valedictory speeches, diplomas will be given out to the 36 seniors.

### Local High School Senior Gets Award Of National Group

### Harriet Keyes Given Certificate of Merit by National Honor Society for Outstanding Achievement

Harriet Linnie Keyes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Keyes, of Plymouth, was awarded a certificate of merit this week for outstanding achievement in her high school work, being one of 331 students so honored in the United States, its territories and island possessions and American schools in five foreign countries. The award was made at chapel exercises in the high school here Wednesday morning by Principal J. S. Fleming, acting in behalf of the National Honor Society of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

In making the award, Mr. Fleming stated it was an unusual high honor for both the student and the school. The students honored attained the highest ratings in a very difficult general aptitude test administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals on March 22 to 9,965 high-ranking students selected from 359,917 seniors in 2,505 high schools in the nation and its possessions.

In announcing the winners, Paul E. Elicker, secretary, director of the scholarship board of the national organization, W. H. Mac Fleming, said that only high-ranking students of the schools, selected senior members of the National Honor Society, competed in the national contest, and all of the contestants are considered the highest-ranking students throughout the country. There were only three winners in North Carolina, Miss Keyes, whose rank was 10; a student in the school at Spry, who ranked 28th; and a student in the R. J. Reynolds School at Winston-Salem, ranked 41st.

Four general factors were given consideration by the scholarship board in the selection of scholarship and award winners from candidates who attained the highest ratings in the general aptitude tests: (1) the score on the test; (2) total scholastic rating and status; (3) school activity, leadership and service record; and (4) need for financial assistance to go to college. The 331 finalists attained a percentage ranked of 99.908 in the test.

### Announce Change In Lamb Pool Day

Date of the lamb pool to be held here this month has been changed. County Agent W. H. Pruden announced today that the pool will be held Monday, May 23, instead of the following day, as announced last week.

It has been customary to hold two pools here each year but it has been decided to hold only one pool this year. It will be held at the Atlantic Coastline Railroad pens just off East Water Street. Grading will be done by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Weighing and grading of animals will start at 7 a. m., it has been announced. It is requested that all growers have lambs in the shed by not later than 10 a. m. on the day of sale.

Prices are supported this year by the government and it will be necessary for growers to have bills of sale for all lambs sold in order to collect payments from the ASC, it has been explained.

### Principals Meetings Set For Next Week Here, Said

Two county principals meetings have been announced for next week by County School Superintendent R. F. Lowry. White principals will meet Tuesday at 4 p. m. at the superintendent's office, it was said, while Negro principals will meet at the same hour the following day at Plymouth Elementary School.

### Await Further Word On Vaccine Program

### Suspension Ordered Nationally To Study Vaccine; No Reactions From Inoculations Reported Here

Dr. Claudius McGowan, of Plymouth, stated late yesterday that "not a word" has been officially received here from any source whatever concerning the present status of the Salk polio vaccine program.

The program was ordered halted nationally this week until a thorough check could be made of vaccine from five companies.

First shots of the vaccine were administered to 584 first and second-grade students in schools of the county between April 20 and 25. At that time it was generally expected that the second shots in the series would be given in a period of from two to four weeks, or as soon as more vaccine was made available.

Reports from over the nation indicate that at least 51 children who received the vaccinations have contracted polio and two or three deaths have been reported. Dr. McGowan said there has been no reaction following the first vaccinations here and that all of the 584 youngsters inoculated "got along fine."

Meanwhile, county health department officials will simply mark time in the program until something definite is heard officially concerning continuation of the vaccination program.

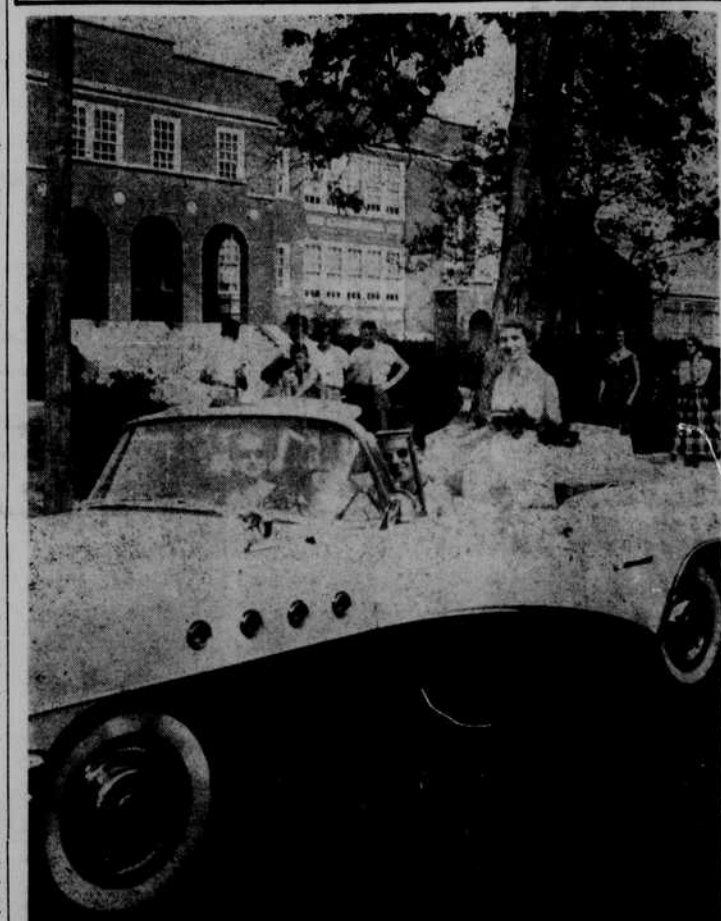
### Veterans Sponsor Free Dance Here

The local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts are sponsoring a free dance to be held at the veterans building here Saturday night.

Everyone is invited. Any person who knows how to call figures for a square dance and all persons who would like to learn to square dance are especially urged to be present, it was said.

The veterans plan to hold a round and square dance at the veterans building each Saturday night, the announcement stated. It will be permissible to wear overalls or dungarees to the barn dance Saturday night, spokesman for the sponsoring organization said.

### MAY QUEEN IN FESTIVAL PARADE LAST WEEK



Miss Gail Skiles, Plymouth High School Queen of the May, is pictured above just before the start of the May Day festival parade here last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. R. M. Bruce is at the wheel of the car, accompanied by Mrs. J. L. Horner. Miss Skiles, a member of the freshman class, was elected queen from a field of seven contestants. A similar photo of little Miss Jean Tetterton, queen of the elementary, and her court was lost in the mails.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

### Peanut Increase Will Mean 252.9 Acres to Growers

### Increase of Seven and One Half Per Cent Straight Across the Board Ordered Last Week

Peanut farmers in Washington County will be allowed to plant an additional 252.9 acres to the crop as a result of the recently-authorized 7½ per cent increase in acreage allotments, according to information from the local ASC office.

The total county allotment acreage before the increase was voted was 3,367 acres. The increase will bring the total allotment to 3,619.9 acres.

The increase was made straight across the board by executive order handed down by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Finding the supply of Virginia type peanuts in short supply, farm leaders and other interested parties appealed to Washington some weeks ago. A ten per cent increase in the allotment was agreed upon for the Virginia type, but Georgia growers heard about the action and moved in on Washington.

Even though the Spanish type is in abundant supply, a five per cent increase was offered to Georgia growers, but that was not satisfactory, and finally the 7½ per cent increase straight across the board was agreed upon.

The increase, granted on a one-year basis, is believed too late for many sections where the crop is grown, but Washington County farmers can well plant the crop right on through the month of May and into June, if need be.

It is possible that some farmers will not want to add to their crop since they have already planted their original allotment. In such case, the grower can help to prove the claim that additional acreage was needed by advising the office of the county ASC committee that he will not use the additional allotment. In this way, the acreage will be made available to other growers who will plant the extra allotment.

### Jaycees To Sponsor Bulb Sale Here Friday Night

The Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a bulb sale Friday night of this week, President Ralph Hunter has announced. Bulbs will be offered from house to house at the same price charged in the stores, Hunter stated. Proceeds will be used for civic improvements, it was added.

All Jaycees who will take part in the project are asked to meet at the office of James H. Ward Insurance Co., on Washington Street at 7 p. m. Friday, the president of the group stated.

### Darden Family To Meet June 12th in County, Announce

### Fifteenth Anniversary Meet Of Stephen Darden Descendants Association Set Near Plymouth

The 15th anniversary meeting of the Stephen Darden Descendants Association will be held at the plantation home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bateman near Plymouth Sunday, June 12, it was announced this week.

The Bateman residence is the homestead of the late David G. Darden and is located five miles south of Plymouth on Highway 32.

Feature addresses will be given by Thad Eure, North Carolina secretary of state, and by Samuel B. Davis, jr., of Warwick, Va. John W. Darden, of Plymouth, president of the association, will speak on "Accomplishments of the David Darden Descendants Association."

Resolutions will be offered for Eliza B. Carstarphen by Mrs. W. J. Highsmith, and for William J. Grimes by Mrs. Raymond Riddick.

The program will start at 11 a. m. and will be followed by a picnic lunch and social hour, the announcement stated. Officers of the association, besides Mr. Darden, are Alphonso D. Hall, vice-president; M. G. Darden, historian; Mrs. William J. Grimes, secretary; and Mrs. Charles E. Davis, treasurer. The finance committee is composed of Mr. Hall, Mrs. Richard Thompson and Mrs. Woodrow Dixon.