Traffic has been blocked from Washington Street between Main and Third this week as town work-

men labored to repair a broken 12 inch sewer main and a lateral line leading to the Percy Arps resident. A large excavation in the center of the street has been made

made his home at Williamston. Mr.

Davenport was assisted in the serv-

ice by the Rev. John L. Goff, min-

ister of Williamston Christian

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hunter, of

Plymouth, attended funeral serv-

noon of this week for Bruce C.

Chesson, of Williamston, who died

last Saturday evening at his home

there. Mr. Chesson was a native of Roper and the brother of Mrs.

Miss Anne Mayo, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. W. J. Mayo, of Plymouth,

made the highest scholastic marks of any of the 2,500 students at

East Carolina College during the

1954-55 school year, it was learned

last week, when she received a

special letter of congratulation

from Registrar Orval L. Phillips

an academic grade of 1, highest

possible rating, on all courses

taken. She entered East Carolina

last year as a transfer student from

Meredith College at Raleigh, and

maintained a grading of 1 on all subjects during the fall, winter and spring quarters.

The many Plymouth and county

friends of the Darst family will be

saddened to learn of the death

near Las Vegas, Nevada, last Wednesday of Pfc. Thomas C. Darst

Thomas C. Darst, of Wilmington.

Young Darst was killed in a head-

R. H. Lucas were among those

from Plymouth who attended the

funeral of A. H. McLean in Wash-

ington Tuesday of this week.

**New Ship-Shore** 

III, grandson of the late Bish

A junior, Miss Mayo was the only student at East Carolina to make

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AND WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS

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Of Collision in Plymouth:

Others Hospitalized, Two

The first street or highway fatali-

y of 1955 anywhere in Washing-

ton County resulted from a two-car

wreck within the city limits of

Plymouth late Sunday afternoon.

at the N. C. Pulp Company plant

here, died at 6:30 p. m. Sunday at

Washington County Hospital min-

utes after being admitted. Death

was attributed to a compound

fracture at the base of the skull. On the critical list at the hos-

Samuel J. Nash, 58, a foreman

On Critical List

## Board Lowers Tax Value to Void Suit The court action recently instiged a court order enjoining the decourt order

in attempting to remedy the trouble. L. J. Wrightson, assistant superintendent of the water and street department, said it is hoped to reopen the block to traffic this

The Rev. W. S. Davenport, of Plymouth, officiated at last rites Stokes, at Biggs Funeral Home, Williamston, at 2 p. m. Wednesday of this week. Mr. McKeel formerly outh, namely, a house and lot. Mrs. Waters in the Town of Plymouth, namely, a house and lot.

comparison with the assessed value as assessed value, or \$8,377.

of other comparable property and Mrs. Waters, her husband and

E.) Waters seeking an injunction or attempting to collect or enforce Commissioner Phillip M. Spruill against putting into effect the revaluation of real property in the real property described in the comcounty this year was settled out of plaint in excess of the amount duced from \$11,790 to \$8,377. The levied for taxes in 1954.

The county board of commission The board concluded that the detail as follows:

corrected valuation was listed in

Plymouth, officiated at last rites ers, in session here Monday, refor Lester LeRoy McKeel, of near viewed in detail the valuation asStokes at Riggs Funeral Home sessed against property listed to as against its real value and by \$16,754, 50 per cent of this amoun

In her complaint, filed two weeks that the figure was based upon her attorney, Carl L. Bailey, sr. ago, Mrs. Waters alleged irregulari- "certain error in mathematical cal- were present during the board's ties in the revaluing work and ask- culation from which the value was

#### Court To Begin Trial Routine Matters ices held in Williamston at the Methodist Church Monday after- Murder Case Today

#### Solicitor in Ticklish Spot

While prosecuting the docket in superior court here Tuesday morning Solicitor Elbert Peel of Williamston found himself in a rather embarrassing situation.

A young Martin County man admittedly "of as good character as anyone in Martin County" was being tried on a charge of speeding in excess of 70 miles per hour. In his brief argument to the jury Solicitor Peel said he had known the defendant since he was knee-high, that the defendant's mother and Peel's wife are first cousins, and that the defendant is employed in a Williamston jewelry store owned by Mr. Peel's wife and sister-in-law and operated by Mr. Peel's son. The solicitor asked only that the jury "spank him just a little bit." They did—finding him guil-ty of speeding over 55 but under 70 miles per hour.

#### on collision with a truck while driving alone to his new assign-ment are the Army Language School, Monterrey, Calif. Numerous Repairs Needed to County and and with the consent of the solicitor, the appeal of defendant was Mrs. J. Roy Manning, sr., Mrs. W. A. Davidson, Roy F. Lowry and

dressed to Court This iencies Found

Gurkin, of Plymouth, foreman, sev- fa and capias ordered by court; outh Sea Scouts is hoping to secure listed.

a needed new ship-to-shore radio The jail here was reported to be for installation on the Scout Ex-in a clean, sanitary condition and plorer Ship Albemarle. Ex-generally speaking all institutions on sci fa and capias ordered by This was revealed at meetings of received a favorable report.

the committee held Wednesday However, it was noted that the nights of last week and this week floor in the courtroom under the here. It was pointed out that a de- window at the left of the judge's pendable means of com nunicating bench is rotten; janitor's storeroom with the Coast Guard or other needs cleaning; locks are needed agencies in emergencies is needed on windows in the furnace room; here and that with a ship-to-shore and trash needs cleaning up at the radio a switchover to battery could north door of the county court-be made in case of power failures house.

that frequently accompany hurri- At the county agriculture buildcanes or other such emergencies. ing the floors are said to be worn check, non-suit; The committee is composed of in several offices, while in the P. B. Bateman, chairman; W. county agent's office some ceiling guilty of escaping from the state Blount Rodman, Harry Gurkin, W. plastering is down, the door to the prison system while serving a sen-S. Davenport, E. E. Harrell and kitchen drags, the wings of the au-tence under prior conviction of a needs repair.

At Plymouth High School the following was cited: screens needed entering, through counsel, W. L. prize of \$5 will go to the grade at to over-supply the market, thus her home at Tarboro for two years. laws on the statute books he de-For John S. Brown for Room 3; leak needs repair where old building joins new section; broken glass in doors of cloak than \$100; plea accept rooms in Rooms 201 and 204 need tor; 2 years on roads;

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Jury Selected and State Begins Presentation of Testimony Late Tuesday; Court Resumes Today

An all-male, all-white jury was selected with little delay and the state began presenting its testimony in the Sam Rose case shortly before 4 p. m. Tuesday in superior court before Judge Malcolm C. Paul, of Washington, judge of the second juricial district.

Rose, who operates a place of business for John Hall on Fifth Street here, is being tried on a ford Spruill, 20-year-old Negro of length of road in Wenona, from 4 to 1. second-degree murder charge. Alplace of business late Saturday afternoon, June 11 of this year. Rose told arresting officers he shot Spruill in self-defense as the younger man advanced on him with an ax in hand.

The court was recessed early Wednesday morning until Thursday at 9:30 a. m., however, due to the fact that Solicitor Elbert Peel had urgent business in Greensboro.

up until the recess is as follows: Acie West, damage to personal property, upon request of defendant and with the consent of the sodismissed and the case remanded J. Roy Manning, jr., Mrs. J. Frank Property, Stated to county recorder's court for compliance with the judgment heretofore rendered in that court; also Report of Grand Jury Ad- ordered to pay superior court during August.

> Henry Cox pleaded guilty to enat expiration of sentence defend-

under signature of W. Douglas called and failed, judgment ni sci injunction against putting into ef-

drunk, nol pros with leave; Raleigh Bailey, issuing worthless

Mrs. Well E. Alexander, abandonment, nol pros with leave;

H. E. Rustad, non-support, nol pros with leave: Corey Campbell, driving drunk,

defendants is dead and the action abated, case goes off docket; Earl Davenport, issuing worthless check, continued for the term; Layton Taylor, issuing worthless

Willie Victor Bryant, pleaded serving;

Garland Barrow, breaking and larceny of property of value less than \$100; plea accepted by solici-

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### Considered Here By County Board

Road Petitions Heard and Approved at Monthly Ses-Reports Approved

board of county commissioners. One petition asks that the state highway department take over and maintain a road which runs from the Plymouth-Mackeys Road opposite the Negro church at Westover

a distance of half a mile. the bridge at Highway 99 onto the L. F. Paul farm and known as "C' department.

write to the highway department cepted by unanimous vote. officials, requesting them to cor-

ing the month of August.

W. H. Pruden, county farm agent and Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home agent, read their respective reports Most of the session was given

over to a consultation with Mr. and Week Lists Various Defic- tering a dwelling with intent to Mrs. W. E. Waters and their atsteal money and was given a 2-3 torney, Carl L. Bailey, sr., who ap year prison term, sentence to begin peared before the board at the latter's request. Mrs. Waters recently Radio Is Talked

In the report of the grand jury, addressed to the court this week under signature of W. Dougles called and failed independent nice. fect this year the reassessed properce, driving erty valuations. This matter is I more fully reported in another article in this paper.

#### To Recruit Blood Donors for Visit

September 28 was definitely coners this week as the date of the ket next April. third-quarter visit to Plymouth of ter, Norfolk, Va.

Elementary School will join in se- ty Agent W. H. Pruden.

each school securing the greatest insuring firm prices. number of donors for the bloodof the local blood banks leaders,

Donate \$100 for Sea Scout Short-Wave Radio; Town and Jaycees to Share Cost Friday Is Moved Here Of 10 Trash Cans

Plymouth City Council voted \$100 toward purchase of a short-wave radio set for the Sea Scout boat, accepted the Jaycee offer to pay one-half the cost of 10 trash cans for the business section, and discussed a variety of other matters at their September meeting Monday night. The meeting was postponed from last week on account of the Labor Day holiday.

Mayor A. J. Riddle said Dr.

Papineau, skipper of the Sea Scouts, had appealed to him for a contribution from the town toward purchase of the short-wave radio set for the Scout boat. It was pointed out that the battery-operated set would be available here as an sion of Commissioners; set would be available here as an emergency means of communica tion in the event of power failure due to hurricane or other disaster Two road petitions were received The set will cost about \$500, and and approved to be forwarded to parents of the Sea Scouts have al-the highway department Monday at ready contributed part of this the regular monthly meeting of the amount, with a local dirve to be sponsored to raise the remainder Councilman Ralph Hunter op- Plymouth to Get \$15,393.23;

posed the town making a contribution, although he said he favored the movement and would contribute to it personally. However the other councilmen present voted The other requests that a 3/4 for it, and the motion was carried,

Councilman Hunter said the local Jaycees had asked him to present maintained by the state highway cans for the business section here. The clerk to the board, J. Robert Jaycees half of the estimated cost Campbell, was also instructed to of \$315. The proposition was ac-Councilman Jack Latham asked

rect matters so that water will no that a street light be placed on Graham's announcement shows longer drain from the highway on- Luvera Street, off West Avenue, to the farm land of Jesse Craddock where six or seven houses have three municipalities received last A brief summary of court action and to ask that his driveway be been built by Paul Spencer. It was put tiled. E. J. Spruill, county tax to ... There was some discussion at ut

and auditor, reported the sum of placing a caution light at the inter- this year amounted to \$771.12 \$8,051.45 received in his office dur- section of West Avenue with U. S. while Roper is getting \$370.35 mor Highway 64, where six accidents, and Creswell \$57.92 more. with one fatality, have taken place within the last year or two. City Clerk W. A. Roebuck said a highof work done by their departments way commission engineer was to be here within the next few days to go over the situation and make

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### Talk Cabbage as Truck Crop for

Market Plans To Contract With County Growers for Up to 300 Acres

Plans are being made here to get Rites Held Here from 200 to 300 acres of early cabfirmed by local blood bank lead- bage grown in the county for mar-

The proposal was discussed the Red Cross bloodmobile from Tuesday of this week in a meet the Tidewater Regional Blood Cen- ing at the county agent's office at-

kitchen drags, the wings of the auditorium are littered with various refuse, and the front screen door needs repair.

Lence under prior conviction of a curing donors for the bloodmobile. The effort will be under direction of A. R. Lord, the school principal cabbage, Mr. Freeman announced. of A. R. Lord, the school principal. cabbage, Mr. Freeman announced. Plymouth High School will also He said the amount planted would brief illness. She was a former which has been built up through again cooperate, it was said. A be limited to 300 acres in order not

> It is recommended that one var mobile, Dr. E. W. Furgurson, one liety of seed be planted by all farmers who would like to grow cabsow beds to produce their own plants, since this would save considerable expense of buying plants. The cost of plants to set an acre of was pointed out.

The auction concern here will supply seed at cost. They should Plants should be ready for transplanting not later than February 15 and ready for market in April when prices are high.

Mr. Freeman pointed out that cabbage will provide early cash for be off in time to permit use of the

land for field crops.

A meeting will be arranged in the near future, it was said, at season cotton farmers are being and 32.10; strict good ordinary, and instruction in sowing seed, preparation for growing cabbage and their cultivation.

The government loan rate, list-cotton. It should be noted that the Services

was stated, and any farmers in the county interested in growing cabbage are urged to contact either James H. Ward or W. T. Freeman, of Plymouth, right away.

It is served an all county and all counties of the concluded standay, state east of Person, Durham, Chatbage and Richmond is 10 points—or one-tenth of a cent of Angetown.

September 25.

Joseph Ange, of Durham, will do the preaching. Mr. Ange is a native of Angetown.

The public is cordially invited of Plymouth, right away.

#### Samuel J. Nash, 58, Victim Game With Columbia

Due to inability to complete arrangements for lighting the field at Columbia in time for tomorrow night's scheduled game, the Plymouth-Columbia game is being transferred to the local park, it was announced late yesterday. Columbia High School officials have rented the field for the occasion, and it will be a Columbia home game in all respects, it was pointed out, so Plymouth High School season tickets will not be honored.

This is the second time in two weeks that games have been transferred to Plymouth for the same reason. Last week, Weeksville was unable to get its field lighted in time for the opening game and it was transferred to the local park.

Game time is 8 o'clock, with Columbia High School officials in charge of all arrangements at the park here. It is expected that another big crowd will be on hand to see the Panthers get their second test of the season. However, Plymouth will not share in the gate receipts but will get only the guarantee it was to receive for going to Columbia, plus a nominal rental for

#### County Towns Get \$20,000 for Streets

Roper \$3,326.49 and Creswell \$1,733.26; Amount More Than Last Year

eceive a total of \$20,452.98 in Powell bill funds for improvement Canal Road be taken over and their proposition to buy 10 trash of non-highway streets during the current fiscal year, according to The town is to pay half and the announcement this week by Highway Commissioner A. H. Graham Plymouth will receive \$15,393.23;

with \$3,326.49 being allocated to Roper and \$1,733.26 to Creswell, This is \$1,199.39 more than the year, when Plymouth received \$14, 602.11; Roper \$2,956.14; and Creswen \$1,675.34. Plymouth's increase

The state total represents the largest amount since the Powell bill was adopted in 1951. Graham said it is larger because increasing gasoline sales have poured more gasoline tax revenues into the highway fund. The Powell bill gives the municipalities one-half cent out of the tax collected on

The money is available only to legally incorporated cities and towns which are active and eligible County in 1956 and whose officials have qualified their communities by submitting certified statements and maps of their street systems prior to the Plymouth Produce Auction third Monday in July.

The amount each town and city receives is set according to a for-See TOWNS, Page 10

Services for Mrs. Olive Jackson across the state. Mizelle, 70, were held from Plymer, Norfolk, Va.

At the same time, it was anAt the same time, it was an nounced that Plymouth Colored duce Auction Company, and Coun- P. B. Nickens, local Baptist minis- streets and highways of our state Methodist Church cemetery.
Mrs. Mizelle died at 8 p. m. Mon-

resident of Plymouth but had made the years in this country and the She was the widow of the late Eli fined as "rules and guides of con-Sam Mizelle, of Plymouth, and the duct." The work of the grand jury, daughter of the late James F. and he stressed, is not that of trial but Martha Hamilton Jackson, of Mar- of investigating and accusing. bage commercially, and that all tin County where she was born member of Plymouth Christian ing whether or not bills of indict

Church. four grandchildren.

Relief Quota Is

Since last week's report an additional \$15 has been received toward the \$200 county goal for Red Cross Hurricane Disaster Relief, Chapter Chairman A. L. Whitehurst stated Wednesday

**Short by \$21.89** 

This brings the total on hand to \$178.11, with another \$10 pledged. When the pledged amount is paid it will bring the total to within \$11.89 of the assigned quota. If anyone wishing to contribute has not done so, place send it in at once, either to dr. Wishman or to Marvin Weaver at Planters National Bank & Trust Company here.

# Seriousness of

In his charge to the grand jury as the September criminal term of from Ludford Memorial Baptist Washington County Superior Court opened here Monday morning, the Rev. Earnest H. Carter, pastor Judge Malcolm C. Paul, of Washington, emphasized the importance of doing everything possible to prevent highway accidents.

The jurist doubtless was mindful in Windley Cemetery. of a fatal accident which took place For Mrs. Mizelle within the Plymouth city limits late Sunday afternoon, as well as late Sunday afternoon, as well as numerous other wrecks reported "More deaths, suffering and

ter. Burial was in the Darden's than from any other one thing," Judge Paul declared. The Beaufort County jurist

Judge Paul made clear to the

September 13, 1884. She was a body the methods for ascertainment are true bills, and described cabbage is approximately \$45, it Mizelle, of San Jose, Calif., Stan- ter of making presentments. He be sown in late September or early of Washington; a brother, Stan-October—not later than October 15. ford Jackson, of Washington; and prison camps and county homes, if

#### Cotton Support Price farmers and allow them to double up on land use, since cabbage will be off in time to permit use of the

With the approach of the ginning | 34.85; low middling, 31.45, 31.85 ernment support prices on the var- The above grades are the ones bert Harris of Newport News, Va.,

their cultivation.

Acreage will be signed up on a first come, first served basis, it 1-16-inch staple lengths by grades

The government loan rate, list cotton. It should be noted that the government loan rate in Washing-ton County and all counties of the series will be concluded Sunday,

pital yesterday were John McDaniel, retired pulp company worker, who was riding with Nash in a 1954 Chevrolet, and Mrs. P. W. Brinkley, who was one of four Plymouth ladies riding in a 1954 Chevrolet owned and operated by Miss Carolyn Brinkley. McDaniel suffered several broken

ribs, badly crushed pelvis, fractared arm, lacerated left elbow and scalp and lesser injuries.

Mrs. Brinkley suffered shock, a fractured left elbow and lesser injuries. Miss Brinkley suffered chest and face injuries, while Mrs. A. L. Owens, sr., had a fractured nose and fractured leg and Mrs. S. A. Ward suffered facial lacerations and back injuries. The latter three, also patients at the local hospital, were said yesterday to be doing nicely, according to the attending physician, Dr. T. L. Bray.

Reports state that the car driven by Nash pulled out of West Avenue onto Highway 64 by-pass and collided with the car driven by Miss Brinkley. The latter car was traveling east. Time of the accident was 5:30 o'clock. Both vehicles were heavily damaged. Nash and Mc-Daniel, reports said, were thrown from the car by the impact.

Mr. Nash was a native of Cumberland, Md., born August 15, 1897, on of the late Samuel T. and Sarah Mills Nash. He had made his home at Plymouth for 15 years, coming here from Richwood, W. Va. He was married October 6, 1919, at La Frank, W. Va., to Miss Alta Williams, who survives.

Besides his widow he leaves two Highway Wrecks
Cited by Judge

daughters, Mrs. Kathryn Banks, of Charleston, W. Va., and Mrs. Doris Hardison, of Plymouth; four sons, William Nash, of Union, S. C., Ray Nash, of Bainbridge, Md., Hugh Cause of Probably More
Death, Suffering, Misery
Than Any Other One Than Any Other One Va., Mrs. Lillian Westfall, of Rich-Thing, Judge Thinks wood, W. Va., and Mrs. Mae Richards, of Burning Springs, W. Va.

Funeral services were conducted of the Church of the Nazarene here, and the Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of Ludford Memorial Bar tist Church, officiating. Burial was

#### To Break Ground For New Church

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new church building to be erected here by Plymouth Church of Christ are scheduled to be held Sunday morning.

The event will be in charge of the pastor, Cary Danelly, of Elizabeth City, and will begin at 11:30 o'clock. The church lot is located on Highway NC 32 near Red Front

Grocery.
Millard Darden will turn the first shovelful of earth. Other elders and deacons of the church will also

R. L. Tetterton, Plymouth builder, has the contract to erect the She leaves three sons, James the duty of each juror in the mat six-room, 40 by 80-foot cement block structure and it is expected ford Mizelle, of Norfolk, Va., and Henry Gray Mizelle, of Norfolk, ing the certain investigations for The building will serve for Sunday Va.; a sister, Mrs. Kathleen Wolf, which the grand jury is responsi- School and regular worship services of the church until later when a main auditorium building will be added.

Regular services are now being held by the church at the Labor Temple, next to the veterans build-

#### Annual Revival Services Open Monday at Corinth

A meeting will be arranged in the near future, it was said, at which Extension Specialist Al Banadyga will offer demonstration

With the approach of the ginning 34.85; low middling, 31.45, 31.85 and 32.10; strict good ordinary, urged by agricultural leaders to compare the market price with govariance with govariance with govariance process. The annual revival services will and 32.10; strict good ordinary, urged by agricultural leaders to compare the market price with govariance process.

of Norfolk, Va., and P W. Brown, of Plymouth; and three grand-

## Last Rites Here

Last rites were held from Plymouth Methodist Church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock for John S. prown, 63, of Plymouth. The services were conducted by the Minister of the church, the Rev. Jesse H. Lanning, assisted by the Rev. Thomas Hastings, jr., of Williamston. Burial was in the church

Mr. Brown passed away at 8 p. m. Saturday at Washington County Hospital, following a long period of declining health. He was a na-tive and lifelong resident of Plymouth, born September 27, 1891, son of the late Henry H. and Kitty Stocks Brown. His wife was the late Mary O. Brown.

The deceased was a member of Grace Episcopal Church and a merchant of the town.

He leaves one daughter, Mary O. Brown, of Plymouth; three sons, Hugh Brown and William Joseph Brown, both of Plymouth, and Brownie Brown, of Burlington; three sisters, Mrs. Joseph Thrailkill, of San Diego, Calif., Mrs. William Rice, of New York, N. Y., and Mrs. Walter Paramore, of I achville; three brothers, Carleton Brown and Lenwool

#### ACTION SHOT AS 1955 FOOTBALL SEASON GETS UNDERWAY HERE



Plymouth High School's diminutive tailback, Mike Estep, is on his way above for a short gain through the Weeksville line here last Friday night, when the 1955 football season was officially opened. Few of the players are identifiable in the photo above, but the Plymouth boys are wearing the dark helmets. The Panthers went on to win the opener, 20 to 7, but the game was a lot closer than the special conditions. About 800 fans were on hand, part of whom can be seen dimly in the background with a latent photo.