Kelly, jr., returned to Plymouth Monday after spending the past 16 months in Europe, where he was

on duty with an Air Force fighterinterceptor group. Lieutenant Kelly

was in England at first, but later his group was assigned to the Neth-

erlands, and he also had brief tours

Germany. Receiving a reserve com-

1953, Lieutenant Kelly has since

transferred to the regular Air

Force and will report on October

10 for flight training at Kinston

Air Force Base. In the meantime he and Mrs. Kelly are visiting their

parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Kelly

and Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge,

Washington County growers did-

n't sell any tobacco Monday. The

markets of the belt cancelled auc-

tions that day because of the storm.

Lost selling time was made up for,

however, with a five-and-one-half

hour sales day Tuesday followed by

Tom Hopkins, Bill Roebuck, C.

M. (Bugs) Beasley, Foye Daven-

port, W. T. (Bill) Arrants, E. I.

Wynne and son were among those

from Plymouth who went to Nor-

folk, Va., Wednesday to see the

theatre relay of the Marciano-

Moore heavyweight championship

fight which was held at Yankee

Stadium. The fight was originally

set for Tuesday night but was post-

Weather permitting, peanut dig-

ging is expected to get underway

generally over the county next

week, although some farmers have

expressed the belief that there will

is believed to have cut the crop

sharply, although a good peanut

hay crop is in prospect. A few pea-

nuts have already been dug in

Plymouth Rotarians were very

When queried this week con

cerning fire alarms here, Fire Chief

Miller Warren replied that there

had not been any fires reported

lately. The chief laughed as he

pointed out that there had been

"plenty of everything else, though!"

Death of Negro

Washington County Coroner J.

L. Horner ruled suicide in the death of Ocie Whitehead, 20-year-

old Plymouth Negro found hanged

in an outdoor toilet at his home

Horner said no evidence of foul

6:30 Saturday morning by his sis-

said he had been at Ayden for

Band Makes First

Star Spangled Banner."

and playing the school song.

Members of the man's family

Saturday morning.

Rule Suicide in

favorably impressed by Judge Mal-

colm C. Paul, of Washington, who

the community.

e little to dig. Excessive moisture

poned until Wednesday night.

a five-hour day Wednesday.

in Plymouth.

THE ROANOKE BEACON

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This hole in the ground is also creating a hole in the Town of Plymouth budget. Town workmen are shown making repairs to one of the sewer mains on Washington Street between Main and Third. The broken line is about 15 feet below the surface of the street, and quicksand necessitates expensive shoring with bulkhead timbers while the repairs are underway. To further complicate matters, along came Hurricane Ione Monday, after the hole had been dug, and the property are required to keep water out while the workmen and two pumps are required to keep water out while the workmen are on the job. A half dozen sections of sewer pipe have already been replaced, and up to yesterday town officials were unable to determine just how far the broken sections extended down the street.—Staff photo.

was guest speaker at the club recently during the week of superior court. Judge Paul spoke on civic BloodmobileDue organizations and their value to Here Next Week

Heavy Rainfall Here With Ione

Hurricane Ione was the wettest yet, so far as this county is concerned. A check of records kept at Tidewater Research Station near here shows that a total of 6.90 inches of rain accompanied the storm.

Rains which accompanied Hurricane Hazel last October and Hurricanes Connie and Diane earlier this year totaled about four inches each.

Whitehead's body, hanging by a slender cord, was found at about Large Crowd for

A large crowd attended ground some time until recently and that since he had been back at home breaking services Sunday morning he had been 'acting peculiar." It on the lot on Washington Street was said that he had not slept for owned by Plymouth Church of Christ and on which a new \$25,000 church building is to be erected.

The first shovel of dirt was turned by Millard Darden. Services were presided over by the minister of the church, Cary Dannelly, of Elizabeth City. Game Appearance

Plans are now underway for con-The band made its first appearstruction of the church. R. L. Tetence of the year at the Columbia terton, Plymouth builder, has the Plymouth football game. Before contract to erect a six-room, 40 by the game they marched on the field 80-foot cement block structure. The playing "Victory March" and "The building will serve for Sunday School and regular worship serv-At half time they marched on ices of the church until later a the field playing "Showboy" and main auditorium building will be turning to the Columbia side form- added, it was said. The church lot ing a "C" and playing "Hail Alma is located near Red Front Grocery.

Regular services are now being Mater," then counter marching to held by the church at the Labor the Plymouth side forming a "P" Temple, next to the veterans build-The election of officers took ing. A near record attendance was place Friday and they are as fol- reported Sunday morning at Bible School, with 149 present. At the lows: president, Lynn Magee; vice president, Linda Lipscomb; secre- close of the school communion was tary-treasurer, Ronnie Matheny; re- held after which everyone present was invited to the church lot fo

porters, Steve Hopkins and Nancy Dollar Day Event the groundbreaking. Reported Success Two Places Entered

Here Last Week-end

past week-end.

The Waters Oil Company station Waters. on Highway 64 by-pass was entered front door glass. The cash register and cigarettes. was found on the road leading was missing.

Officers are continuing investi-, from N. C. Pulp Co. to Dardens by gation of two break-ins here the Wilmer Tetterton who notified the Martin County sheriff's office. The cash register was returned to erating in this event reported in items as bed clothing, pajamas,

The loss was estimated by Mr.

was taken, along with a cigarette Juniper Lodge was entered event was not as heavily patron- and reports state that results have rack on the register. However, the money drawer had been taken was reported. A front window was Saturday was the biggest day, as money drawer had been taken was reported. A front window was home by Waters and the thief or pried open. About \$25 in small expected, with good traffic and to donate for this cause are asked thieves probably failed to notice change and tax money, along with increased business Friday also to contact either Mrs. Charles that fact until later. The register cigarettes and possibly some beer, Monday was a poor day because Robertson, Mrs. Jack Spruill, Miss

Quota for Regular Quarterly Visit Here Set at 110 ers Urge Full Response

With blood needs still urgent, an all-out effort will be made here Plymouth Host To possible surpass the 110 pint quota set for the regular quarterly bloodmobile visit to Plymouth.

The bloodmobile will be located

at the veterans club near the Washington County Hospital. The the American Legion and the Bosie Bateman Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Auxiliaries of both

Donors will be received between the hours of 10:30 a. m. and 4:30 port of those who have given blood ed.

time after time since inauguration of the program in this county. To stimulate securing of new donors the local schools, white and Counties. colored, are cooperating and a prize of \$5 is being offered in each

school to the grade securing the be held at the ball park from 7:30 greatest number of donors. Parents to 8:45 o'clock. are reminded that the same rules will be in effect as on previous occasions when there was competition among students. A parent V. B. Hairr, district chairman of training classes for observers. having children in several grades Jamesville

may be counted by each grade if county this year and the 19th since pints has been donated in the meeting in December. county, or an average of more than

The special Dollar Day sales

promotion put on here Friday and

Saturday of last week and Monday

of this week by a few Plymouth

merchants was reported to be a

Practically all of the firms coop-

129 pints a visit. This is regarded at the campfire here Thursday as a good record. During the two night, it was said. Games to be arprevious visits this year 195 pints ranged for the various groups in-were donated, 113 in March and clude "Over and Under" for Cub

Seeking Donations for

The Plymouth Woman's Club is sponsoring a medical loan closet for use of indigent persons of the county, it was announced this week. The closet coul include such creased sales over the previous crutches, wheel chairs and any week and one store manager re- other items needed by patients in Saturday night by smashing the Waters at \$27, including door glass ported an increase of 40 per cent the hospital or at home. Some or better, although it was said the counties already have this service

been good. Elizabeth Wood or Mrs. Hugh Elks.

Road Terms Meted Pinetown Man Dies After Accident Storm Lashes Out

In Court Tuesday Highway NC 32 early Tuesday. Sentences Ranging From 30

Days to 12 Months Given In Assault and Larceny ington County Hospital. Cases; Fines Total \$210

Road terms were handed out in everal cases by Judge W. Ronald The car was going north on the Gaylord in recorder's court here **Fuesday**

Out to Four Here

James Perry, colored, drew six John McDaniel, nonths on an assault count, Milton Woodley, also colored, was given 30 days for assault with a deadly weapon, and Lorenza Freeman and Milton Woodley, colored, were given three months and 12 months. espectively, for larceny of money. Fines imposed at the session otaled \$210.

Other proceedings: Norman G. Chesson, assault, not

Donald Claud Rima Edenton speeding, \$5 and costs;

Earl Webb, colored, non-support costs of court ordered to pay \$4 a week for use of child; Virga Mae King, colored, assault

with a deadly weapon, \$25 and costs and directed to pay doctor's bill and remain of good behavior for a period of six months;

Earle Norman, colored, assault, Louis Watson, colored, assault

with a deadly weapon, six months suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs of court plus \$21 hospital at 6:30 p. m. the day of doctor's bill:

Harold Daron Smithwick, Norolk, Va., speeding, \$10 and costs; William W. La Joie, Edenton, careless and reckless driving and no operator's license, \$35 and

Fannie Davenport, Roper, no opeator's license, \$25 and costs; James Carlton Crabtree, Carth age, speeding, \$5 and costs;

Wiley Williford, Tarboro, speed-

Howard Alfred Lupton, Washingon, allowing unlicensed operate to drive, costs; Willie Earl Allen, Elizabeth City

colored, speeding, \$5 and costs; John Lorenza Basnight, colored Barbara Jean Pilley, Washington, no operator's license, \$25 and costs. who survives He was a member of lollowing Ione.

District Scouts Campfire Tonight

Ball Park; Ashwill, Hairr one hour prior to the services and committee.

The small restriction one hour prior to the services and committee.

The small restriction of the services and committee. Expected

Special Service p. m., blood bank leaders here Wasmarty District Boy Scout Round-up Campfire Thursday of made to secure donors who have this week and a good-sized crowd not heretofore given blood regu- of scouts and scouting leaders from larly, in order to bolster the sup- the various communities is expect-

> The Wasmarty District - as its name implies-takes in scout units in Washington, Martin and Tyrrell the post still needs new members lone.

Cubs Scouts and Explorers will be included in the event which will bers, the supervisor pointed out, slightly above 60. He emphasized

Among scouting leaders who will be present are Jerry Ashwill, scout that anyone is eligible, even though out. Mr. Beam commented that he ler and Dr. A. L. Whitehurst; field executive, of Williamston, and

Leaders have issued a statement especially needed in the event of he donates blood, it was explained. asking that all persons con- lengthy alerts, Dr. Whitehurst said The visit will be the third to the nected with the program put forth a special effort to make the annual come a member should contact Bragg, chairman; H. E. Beam, of inauguration of the blood bank pro- fall round-up the best ever by hav- Dr. Whitehurst, Carl L. Bailey, jr., gram here back in December of 1950. In 18 visits a total of 2,232 the time of the annual district

Plenty of fun is assured for all Scouts: "In the Pond" for Boy Scouts; and "Observation" and "All In on Mr. O'Grady" for Explorers. The public is also invited, the announcement stated.

Medical Loan Closet

Brooks was a passenger in a 1955

Victim of Wreck,

Buried on Sunday

Retired Pulp Mill Worker

Succumbs to Injuries at

Local Hospital Early Sat-

John McDaniel, 69, of Plymouth.

jured in a two-car accident at the

intersection of West Avenue and

Highway 64 by-pass late Sunday

afternoon, September 11, and was

taken to Washington County Hos-

pital where he died at 5 o'clock

Samuel J. Nash, with whom Mr.

McDaniel was riding, died at the

still patients late Tuesday. Dr. T.

the Baptist Church.

Burial was in Windley Cemetery

A strong post membership is

Anyone who would like to be-

Observer Post Is

Saturday morning.

admitted.

urday Morning

1:04 p. m. Tuesday at the Wash- man Carl Gilchrist, of Plymouth, Plymouth Sunday, September 11, escaped without a scratch.

Ford Victoria operated by Robert Donald Cutler, also of Pinetown. The accident took place at Ja. in front of the Tim Bowen residence. Brooks was brought to the injured in the accident, later died.

The first rural highway fatality highway when according to Cutler hospital here by Bonnie Bowen. of 1955 in Washington County reliable to the bullet of water on the sulted from a one-car accident on The car went out of control, damage of \$1300 to the car. ran off the road into the ditch and The fatality followed close on Daniel Ray Brooks, 29, of Pine turned over, landing bottomside up, the heels of the first fatal highway town, died of internal injuries at according to State Highway Patrol- accident within the city limits of

the investigating officer. Cutler when Samuel J. Nash was killed in a two-car wreck at the intersection

Storm Just About Wipes Out Crops

Washington County Hurri-Places Latest Loss Estimate at Nearly 1 Million

The Washington County Hurri The number of highway fatalities n Plymouth for 1955 rose to two here Wednesday afternoon, estiwith the death here Saturday of mated total crop damage from Hur-Mr. McDaniel was critically in-

Added to damage estimated from Hurricanes Connie and Diane prev iously, the total rose to \$1,703,205 Farmers on the committee readily admitted that the county is hard hit, with water standing over crops on many acres.

Of the total of 36,000 acres of cropland in the county, 20,000 acres were estimated under water Home gardens were said a total the accident, minutes after being loss. Corn, valued before the storms

at \$755,000 is believed three-four Four ladies in the second car, the lost, as are peanuts, previous Mrs. P. W. Brinkley, Miss Carolyn Brinkley, Mrs. A. L. Owens, sr., ty. These two crops were topped ty. These two crops were topped and Mrs. S. A. Ward, were pain-percentage-wise in loss by sweet fully injured and were admitted to potatoes, valued before the hur the local hospital where they were ricanes at \$45,000 and estimated an 80 per cent loss.

L. Bray, the attending physician, J. A. Morris, of Creswell, said reported them getting along fine, that workers on his farm had dug a few potatoes and out of 25 bush Mr. McDaniel had lived here for els only one bushel was good. Bob 15 years, coming here from Rich-Lewis, of Roper, said he got only wood, W. Va., and was a retired four bushels from a row some 250 pulp mill worker. He was born at yards long.

the late James and the late Jame Pints; Blood Bank Lead- of Roper, speeding, \$10 and costs; 30, 1914, at Level Run, Va., to Miss and Diane and another 30 per cent

> who survives. He was a member of Tobacco, valued in the county a \$1,010,850, as a result of the latest Surviving, other than his widow, hurricane was upped 15 per cent are a son, Walter McDaniel, of cut to a 25 per cent loss. Many Summersville, W. Va.; and one sis-barns were damaged in the latest ter, Mrs. Dollie Reese, of Rich-storm, it was said. Some tobacco in packbarns also suffered damage. Funeral services were conducted

cut 50 per cent—20 per cent by on the current calendar. the first storms and 30 per cent by the last.

Short of Members most completely ruined, is damaged an estimated 60 per cent, the W. H. Pruden; committee believes. The crop was Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, supervisor thought cut by 25 per cent follow of the Plymouth Ground Observer ing Connie and Diane and this fig-Corps post, stated Wednesday that ure was upped by 35 per cent since H. C. Carter; to boost post strength to the de-

Pastures are said to be damaged by 60 per cent and hay crops by 50 The post should have 100 mem- per cent.

Beans and leaves have been Hackbarth; while total strength at present is ripped off soybean stalks in the he may never have attended had talked with a farmer having 300 acres of beans he said he would not harvest at all.

The picture is gloomy at best. Members of the committee who attended the meeting were Henry See CROPS, Page 8

cane Damage Committee County Schools **Back To Normal**

> Washington County Schools were in session and back to normal Wednesday of this week following an Ione-enforced long week-end.

Schools were ordered to remain closed Monday and Tuesday because of the storm with the resultant high water. But bells rang again Wednesday and school buses resumed normal operations. Attendance was reported normal Wednesday. It is expected that a decision as to how the lost days will be made up in the school schedule will come at the county board of education meeting here Friday.

Lions Will Start Canvass of Town For Club Project

To Solicit Listing for An- have covered the street.

The Plymouth Lions Club will start its annual Birthday Calendar ner, Spear and Horner cottages there were partly undermined. canvass here Friday of this week, H. O. Lovic, chairman of the project, announced today.

by Monday, October 10, in order to meet the publisher's deadline, Lovic explained.

Birthdays and anniversaries will Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2 p. m. from Ludford Memorial Baptist Church here by the pastor, the Rev. Paul B. Nickens The remains were left. be listed on the calendar for 25 cents each, it was explained, while visit is again being sponsored joint-visit is again being sponsored joint-like by the James E. Jethro Post of Large Crowd Anticipated for Nickens. The remains were left hurt as badly again. The damage a copy. The calendar this time will Fall Round-up Event at Horner's Funeral Home until was placed at 60 per cent by the carry a picture either of the new Plymouth Fire House or a picture one hour prior to the services and committee. The small mile crop, valued of the Plymouth High School band. originally at \$12,600, is believed A picture of the band was carried

The community has been divided into 12 territories with teams for Lespedeza, with much of it al- them listed as follows: Stillacres-Dr. A. Papineau and

Third and Fourth Streets-

Main Street-Hubert Ange and Country Club Village - E. M. Leavitt and W. R. Collins; Jefferson Street and Brinkley Avenue-R. E. Bowen and C. L.

Washington Street to stoplight Creswell section, it was brought and Fort Williams-Dr. B. W. Cut-Monroe and Winesett Circle-W. Marrow and H. O. Lovie;

Fred Keyes and Richard West; Red Hill-M. G. Chesson and G. M. Chapman;

Brinkley Forest-Warren V. Nor-See PROJECT, Page 8



OOPS! Mike Estep is saying that as he grabs his own fumble in scoring Plymouth's first touchdown against Columbia here last Friday night. Mike carried the ball on the play, which started from the Columbia 5-yard line, and after he crossed into the end zone, the ball squirted from his grasp, but he grabbed it again before it even hit the ground. Parts of 17 players are visible in this action shot, including the following identifiable Panthers (dark helmets): Tailback Mike Estep (50), Tackle Jimmy Sitterson (19), End Ralph Luke (55), End Billy Ray Arnold (on ground), Guard Harvey Lucas (66), Tackle Mack Graham, and Fullback Tex Benton (52). Columbia players in light helmets included Liverman (32), Davenport (27), Hopkins (38) and Roughton (12).—Jewel Hardison Photo.

Here With Heavy Winds and Rains

Ione Brings Higher Water Than Any of Predecessors; Large Trees Down; Debris Cleared Tuesday

After withstanding the one-two nch of Connie and Diane recent-Washington County was subjectd to the fury Monday of Ione.

The strongest winds were felt ere at about 4 or 5 o'clock Monmorning. East-northeasterly winds blew much of the day, shifting later to northerly and that night to northwesterly.

Several large trees were blown over in Plymouth by the force of the hurricane winds. A large pecan tree was blown down in the yard of the Episcopal rectory on Madison Street but it was sawed up and removed Tuesday. A block of the street from East Water Street to East Main Street was closed to traffic for a time Tuesday morning due to fallen limbs.

A large pecan tree was blown across a garage early Monday morning at the R. S. Browning esidence on Wilson Street, severely damaging a 1951 Ford station wagon parked in the parage. A dog sleeping in the vehicle escaped un-

Trees were also blown down at the True Temper Corporation plant and the office workers there had to resort to use of motor boat to get to and from the office due to high water.

Old US 64 leading to Roper through East Haven was closed due to high water near the Mackeys Road intersection. High water at the Julian Brinkley mill also forced closing of the road at that point.
The wind backed water in the

Roanoke River and worse than by any of the previous storms and water rose above the town dock. Water also stood in the yard at Teams Named for 12 Areas Street and if a foot higher would the Sinclair plant on West Water

The south shore of Albemarle mual hday Calendar; Sound was reported badly eroded and some of the shore at Albemarle Beach was washed away. marle Beach was washed away.

Trash crews in Plymouth worked all day Tuesday and into the night The canvass must be completed carting off fallen tree limbs and other debris from the storm. Roof leaks were reported in many homes and some reported window panes out, television antennas down and other damage of a minor nature. It was expected that damage to

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On Probation for Five Years Here

Defendant Through Counsel Enters Plea of Nolo Contendere to Involuntary Manslaughter

The finish of the Sam Rose murder case in Washington County Superior Court came with dramatic suddenness last Thursday.

At the close of all the evidence

in the case the defendant through counsel, Bailey and Bailey, entered plea of nolo contendere to the charge of involuntary manslaught-

The plea was accepted by State Solicitor Elbert Peel and by the court and Judge Malcolm C. Paul sentenced Rose to from three to five years in State's Prison, sentence suspended and defendant placed on probation for a period of five years and taxed with the costs of the action.

The case had attracted more interest than any other during the term of court. Rose, who operates a place of business on Fifth Street here for John Hall, was being tried on a second-degree murder charge. Alford Spruill, young Plymouth Negro, was fatally shot in the place of business late Saturday afternoon, June 11 of this year. Rose said he shot the man in self-defense as Spruill advanced on him with an ax in hand.

Disposition of other cases not previously reported is summed up briefly as follows:

Asa W. West, non-support, continued for the term; Odell Sutton, public drunken-

ness and disorderly conduct, 30 Vanda Lee Spruill, profane lan-guage and assault on a police of-

ficer, not guilty; George Alfred Hardison, careless and reckless driving, case contin-

ued for the term; Walter McCoy alias Wiggs, breaking and entering and larceny, continued for the term.