

### Cornerstone Rites At Church Here Sunday

A cornerstone laying service will be held at the new Christian Church Building on East Main Street here Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, it is announced.

Work is well along on the handsome new brick church plant, replacing the old church on the corner of Main and Washington Streets.

The service will be held in the Social Hall of the new church. Ross J. Allen, secretary of the North

Carolina Missionary Society, Wilson, will be the guest speaker for this service, the minister of the church, the Rev. C. N. Barnette, announces.

Sunday will also be observed as homecoming day at the church and lunch will be served in the new Social Hall at 12:30 o'clock.

Everyone is cordially invited to all services and it is expected that a large crowd of members, former members and friends of the church will be present for the occasion.

### Home Clubs' Annual Fall Meet at Creswell

#### Urges Use New House Numbers

Although the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce completed a house-numbering project here sometime ago, some residents are still using the old house numbers, Mayor A. J. Riddle pointed out this week. Slips containing the new numbers were left where persons were not at home when the Jaycee representative called and these householders are requested to put up new numbers.

Emphasizing that the town council voted for the new numbering here and that the town was mapped and new numbers worked out uniformly, Mayor Riddle this week urged all residents to use the new numbers to avoid confusion.

#### Snell Heads New A S C Committee

J. C. Snell, of Plymouth, heads the new ASC county committee as chairman.

Mr. Snell was nominated and unanimously elected Thursday of last week along with other members of the six-man committee.

The election was held at the county convention in the ASC office here among the appointed delegates.

Others on the committee: L. L. Davenport, Creswell, vice chairman; O. A. Chesson, Roper, regular member; Alternates—W. C. Spruill, Roper, first; J. M. Davenport, Creswell, second; and David Craddock, Plymouth, third.

Delegates were Robert W. Bowen of Plymouth; Herbert R. Chesson, Roper; and Douglas W. Davenport, Creswell.

Miss Miriam Ausbon, office manager, acted as temporary chairman for the purpose of opening the meeting. She called the roll of delegates and determined that those acting as such were duly elected to the office. The delegates then elected Douglas W. Davenport chairman and Robert E. Bowen secretary of the convention.

The new county committee will serve for the coming year.

#### Minor Injuries, Heavy Damage in Wreck Here

David Cole, of near Plymouth, received minor head injuries when his car overturned Monday night at the end of Third Street here. Damages to the car are expected to run about \$1,000, it was said.

Cole was driving a 1956 Ford and apparently forgot to turn in time, it was stated.

### CHEERLEADERS FOR CURRENT YEAR AT PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL



Keeping enthusiasm at a high level for athletic contests is not always an easy task, especially when the home teams are not doing so well, but these ten girls work hard at their job and materially aid in keeping school spirit at a high level. The two in front are co-captains Betsy Barnhill and Jolene Howell. Backing them up, left to right, are Janice Johnson, Nyal Womble, Joyce Madison, Flossie Nooney, Mable Hardison, Jackie Polk, Mary Alice Kelly and Betty Ann Burnham.—Staff photo.

### Good Sized Crowd At Annual Bureau Dinner Meet Here

#### Barbecue Held at Agriculture Building Last Friday Night; J. L. Rea Named To Head Farm Bureau

There were 164 persons at the annual dinner meeting of the Washington County Farm Bureau held at the agriculture building here last Friday night. The crowd enjoyed barbecue with all the trimmings.

The business meeting was held in the courtroom at the county courthouse following the barbecue dinner and was called to order by the president, T. R. Spruill, of Roper.

The report submitted by the secretary and treasurer was accepted. The president then gave a resume of the year's work which included two trips to Raleigh and two to Elizabeth City to attend meetings and a trip to the training school held at Carolina Beach. Mr. Spruill expressed his deep appreciation to all who helped in the affairs of the county unit during the year.

James H. Ward, chairman of the policy development committee, submitted six resolutions for approval. W. T. Freeman moved for their adoption, the motion was seconded by J. A. Chesson and the motion carried. The resolutions represent the unit's stand on several vital matters and are reported at more length in another article in this paper.

C. N. Davenport, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the slate of officers including J. L. Rea, for president; Douglas Davenport, for vice president; W. M. Darden for secretary; and Miss Louise Allen for treasurer.

J. A. Morris moved that the slate be accepted, the motion was seconded by J. A. Reynolds, and carried, the officers to serve the county unit for the coming year.

J. L. Rea and Reed Devaney were appointed official delegates from the county unit to the state convention to be held at Raleigh November 20-23.

James H. Ward moved that the unit pay the expenses of up to five delegates in one car. C. N. Davenport seconded the motion and it carried. W. H. Pruden was appointed to secure three other members to accompany the two official delegates with all expenses paid by the unit.

Mr. Pruden then made brief remarks commending the retiring president for his fine efforts on behalf of Farm Bureau interests during his tenure of office.

#### Mrs. Keel To Head Annual Seal Sale

Mrs. Durand Keel will head the 1955 Christmas Seal Sale in Washington County.

Mrs. Charles Robertson, president of the Plymouth Women's Club, today announced that Mrs. Keel had accepted her appointment to head the annual educational and fund-raising sale.

In accepting the appointment, Mrs. Keel said, "Our plans are well underway to raise the money to support the year-round efforts of the tuberculosis work of the Plymouth Women's Club."

She emphasized that the Seal sale was an educational drive as well as a fund-raising event and pointed out that the Women's Club hoped to focus the attention of the people of Washington County on the problem of tuberculosis and facts about the disease during the sale.

The Seal sale is due to get underway here Wednesday, November 16, Mrs. Keel said.

### HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR LOCAL KINDERGARTEN CLASS LAST FRIDAY



Members of Mrs. E. G. Campbell's kindergarten class were entertained at a Halloween party at her home on Jefferson Street here last Friday, with Mrs. Campbell as hostess. She is pictured above with 16 of the 19 members of her class, all of them gaily costumed for the party. Youngsters in the group are as follows: Front row, kneeling: Marian Ward Everett, Selby Bateman, Melanie Whelan, Roy Williford, Thomas Peele, Chere Waters and Nancy Carol Freeman. Back row, standing: Laura Saunders, Janet Boone, Ronnie Pinner, John Slay, Judy Liverman, Ernest Furgerson, Larry Wagner and Florence Spruill. Absent when the photo was made were Jo Ella Ralph, Carol Manning and Frances Ralph.—Staff photo.

#### Property Damage Nears \$2,000 in Accident Series

#### No Injuries in Three Wrecks In County Within Past Week; Three Charged as Result of Wrecks

Property damage in three wrecks in this county within the past week amounted to nearly \$2,000, according to reports. No one was injured, however.

Two wrecks Saturday and one Monday were investigated by Patrolman L. N. Walters, of Columbia.

At 8:15 p. m. Saturday a 1952 Dodge pickup truck driven east on US 64 by Alton Kenny Spencer was struck in the rear by a 1954 Ford operated east by Edward Harrell Hill, colored, of Columbia. According to the report, the Dodge was struck as Spencer was turning off the highway at his home. Damage to the Ford was placed at \$400 and at \$25 to the Dodge. Hill was charged with following too closely in traffic.

Also Saturday night, on the same highway a 1953 Studebaker owned by J. E. Wolf, of Plymouth, and operated by Albert Lindsey Phelps, of Plymouth, was struck in the rear by a 1953 Mercury driven by Zebedee Alton Smith, of Roper and Fort Totten, N. Y. Damage to the Studebaker was estimated at about \$300 and to the Mercury \$500. Smith was charged with reckless driving.

Monday at 6:40 p. m. a fish truck stopped on the highway near the "Y" was struck by a Cadillac driven by Francis Lincoln Merritt, jr., of Columbia. About \$600 damages resulted, it was said. A 1955 Mercury coming from the opposite direction ran into the ditch at the wreck scene. The latter car was operated by Dallas Cleveland Wilkins, of Portsmouth, Va.

The truck's owner was listed as Fred Brinn, of Engelhard. The driver, Ellis Benjamin Gibbs, said he had given out of gas and was trying to turn around to go back to a nearby station when the truck was struck.

Gibbs was charged with reckless driving.

### Start Work on Health Center Within Month

#### Contracts Awarded Subject To Approval of Medical Care Commission; General Contract \$23,890

Erection of the new Washington County Health Center is expected to begin within 30 days.

This was revealed at a special meeting of the board of county commissioners here last Friday afternoon at which time sealed bids for the general contract, heating contract, plumbing contract and electric contract were opened.

The commissioners voted to award the contracts to firms making the low base bids.

The general contract was awarded to the firm of J. G. Kellogg, of Manassas, whose bid was \$23,890; the heating contract went to Wilson Roofing Company, of Washington, at \$1,649; the plumbing contract to E. L. Yeomans, of Washington, \$3,150; and the electric contract to E. R. Edwards and Son, Merritt, at \$2,800. Contracts were awarded subject to the approval of the State Medical Care Commission. This is expected to be a mere formality.

Four other firms submitted bids for the general contract and there were a number of firms bidding on the other contracts.

The new structure will be erected on a lot fronting on Washington Street Ext., and near the old county home building.

On motion of Commissioner Hubert L. Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Phillip M. Spruill, the board unanimously voted the additional sum of \$787.06 be appropriated as a balance of the county's share in construction of the health center. In other action during the meeting the commissioners named Louis Styon to vaccinate hogs in Plymouth Township, replacing Oliver Lucas, who resigned. It was also agreed by the board for the State College Experiment Station to send an assistant county agent to this county, with no expense to the county.

#### Education Week To Be Observed

Next week has been designated by Governor Hodges as American Education Week in North Carolina and school patrons in this county are being urged to visit the schools during the week.

School officials here emphasize that parents are welcome to visit the schools at any time but especially urge them to visit the schools during education week.

#### Church Group In District Meeting

Attendance totaled 119 at the Beaufort-Hyde-Tyrell-Washington sub-district meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church held at Plymouth Methodist Church Wednesday of this week.

The service opened with the singing of a hymn, after which Mrs. Roger Chesson gave the devotion. The welcome was extended by Mrs. J. R. Campbell and response was by Mrs. W. V. Gaylord.

The memorial service was in charge of Mrs. Fred Duplessey and the offertory, Mrs. Jack Leary. The message was brought by Mrs. W. B. Landrum who was introduced by Mrs. Charles Lee Saunders. Mrs. Abner Harrell pronounced the benediction.

Following lunch the afternoon session was opened with the singing of a hymn. Prayer was by Mrs. Josephus Leggett. Group meetings followed, with Mrs. Harold Davis in charge of meditation period. Mrs. M. L. Mixon pronounced the benediction at the afternoon session.

The altar flowers were in memory of the following who died since the last meeting: Mrs. Frank Wilson, Roper; Mrs. Sallie Davenport, Rehoboth; Mrs. Sarah A. Stowe, Engelhard; and Mrs. H. H. Smith, Asbury.

#### Carnival Monday Draws Big Crowd

The annual Halloween Carnival sponsored here Monday night at the high school by the local Parent-Teacher Association drew a large crowd, it is reported.

No financial report was available but it was said that 150 were served at the turkey dinner in the school lunchroom, while refreshment stands outside exhausted their supplies.

The parade staged Monday afternoon to advertise the event made a hit with crowds on the downtown streets as elementary graders dressed in imaginative costumes filed past. The parade was held at 2 o'clock, while carnival hours were from 6 to 8 o'clock.

#### One Hurt in Monday Wreck As Car Hits Power Pole

A passenger was injured and about \$350 damage was done early Monday night when a 1951 Chevrolet operated by Bobby Barber, of Plymouth, went out of control and hit a power pole at the corner of Madison and East Main Streets.

Ronald Nooney, young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Nooney, of Plymouth, received facial injuries when thrown against the instrument panel of the car by the impact. Four sutures were necessary to close cuts on his mouth and chin. He was treated by Dr. Claudius McGowan. His brother, Bobby Nooney, escaped injury as did the driver.

#### Board Meetings Set for Monday

Routine sessions are in prospect for town and county governing bodies Monday of next week.

Holding their regular monthly meetings will be the county board of education and the county commissioners and the Plymouth Town Council.

The county bodies will meet at the courthouse Monday morning, while the council will meet in the municipal building at the usual hour—Monday night at 8 o'clock.

The commissioners are expected to announce reappointment of two members of the board of trustees of Washington County Hospital whose present terms expire this month or appointments of others to replace them. The two members whose terms run out in November are Mrs. Frances M. Darden and A. R. Latham, both of Plymouth. Other routine matters will come up at the meeting.

School Superintendent Roy F. Lowry said a strictly routine session of the education board is anticipated when that body convenes at the courthouse Monday at 10 a. m.

Drainage likely will be the chief topic at the meeting of the town council Monday night, it was stated.

#### County Agent Here To Get Assistant

Washington County will soon have an assistant county agent, at least for the next two and a half years.

The Washington County Board of Commissioners, in a special session here last Friday afternoon, agreed for the State College Extension Service to send an assistant agent to the county, at no cost to the county, for a period of two and a half years at no cost to the county,

#### County Agent Here To Get Assistant

C. S. Mintz, district agent with the extension service, said he expects to get a young man here by November 15 or December 1.

Mintz appeared before the board Friday and stated that the extension service was now in a position through help of the government on account of the hurricanes, to provide the county with an assistant agent for a period of two and a half years at no cost to the county,

### About 20 County Delegates Attend Annual SAA Meet

#### Harry W. Pritchett, of Creswell, Named Vice President; County Relinquishes Turn to Dare

About 20 delegates from Washington County attended the annual meeting of the Southern Albaric Association at Williamston last Friday.

The meeting was held at Roanoke Country Club, with morning and afternoon sessions sandwiched around a luncheon served at 12:30 o'clock through courtesy of the Martin County Board of Commissioners.

Washington County relinquished its turn for the presidency and the annual meeting next year, and Melvin Daniels, of Manteo, was elected to succeed A. Corey, of Jamesville, as president. It was voted to hold the annual meeting in Dare in conjunction with dedication of the Croatan Sound Bridge next fall.

M. A. Matthews, of Columbia and Engelhard, was re-elected treasurer and the president was authorized to appoint his own secretary.

Governor Luther Hodges addressed the morning session and told the group: "If North Carolina is going to keep up with the nation it must somehow raise the per capita income of its citizens."

The chief executive of the state cited the per capita income in the six member counties of the association, all being below the state level of \$1,097. Of these, Washington stands highest with per capita average of \$1,020.

The governor gave encouragement that Alligator River will be bridged. He was presented by Attorney Clarence Griffin, of Williamston.

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#### Farm Bureau In Favor of Rigid Support Prices

#### Resolutions Passed at Annual Meeting Here Last Week To Be Sent to State Convention

The Washington County Farm Bureau has gone on record as favoring a rigid price support program at 90 per cent of parity but against including poundage allotments in the program.

The county unit is also for bringing tobacco production in line with demand, for adequate flood and drainage measures, for federal inspection service for grading soybeans, but opposed to tobacco allotments reductions where allotment is not planted in any given year.

The bureau, at its annual meeting held here Friday of last week, passed six resolutions to be sent to the state Farm Bureau convention to be held at Raleigh November 20-23.

The resolutions were introduced by James H. Ward, of Plymouth, chairman of the policy development committee of the county unit. Their adoption was moved by W. T. Freeman and seconded by J. A. Chesson.

The resolutions were worded as follows:

1. That the Washington County Farm Bureau favor a rigid support program at 90 per cent of parity;
2. That an appropriate government agency initiate the necessary steps to provide adequate flood control and drainage for this and other counties of eastern North Carolina;
3. That the 1956 tobacco allotment be such as to bring the anticipated production in line with the demand, with the provision, however, that no farm unit with less than 5 acres allotment be reduced below the 1955 allotment;
4. That a farm tobacco allotment not be reduced in the event the allotment is not planted in any given year;
5. That poundage allotments not be included in the program;
6. That a federal inspection service be provided for grading soybeans for sale.

Included in special guests and former members and friends who attended the Dedication Day services Sunday at Ludford Memorial Baptist Church here were Dr. R. T. Daniel, of Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest; Mr. and Mrs. George Harrison and son, Frank, of Kingston; and Mrs. Henry Dixon and daughter, Olga Jean, of Chocowinity. One of the largest crowds in the church's history was present for the occasion.

Mrs. Polly Smith and Mrs. M. J. Polk are expected to return to Plymouth this week-end from New York where they have been on a buying trip. They left here for the big city last Sunday.

Those making the cruise to Edenton Sunday aboard the scout ship included Skipper Alban Papineau, Mack Graham, Billy Peele, Frank Dew, Bobby Lovie, Buddy Harrison and the following guests: Cecil Carter, Ed Hill, Tom Sanders, Linda Lee Papineau, Betsy Lowry, Frank Lowry, Selina Wrightson, Conley Carter, Faye Phelps, Sue Lassiter, Charles Carr, Ann Carter, Martha Blount Rodman, Judy Harrison, Golden Simpson, Larry Hopkins, George Waters, Marion Williams, Edward Stuart, Eddie Dawley, Melvin Stubbins and Tommy Sanderson. The Albaric left Plymouth at 2 p. m. and returned at 6:10 p. m.

Windows of quite a few local business establishments were being washed ahead of schedule Tuesday morning as a result of Halloween antics the previous night. Some of the store windows were pretty well marked up while other were not touched. Some parked autos were reported to be roughed up Monday night also.

H. E. Newberry, of Plymouth, who was vice-president of the Pupil Transportation department of the Northeastern District, North Carolina Education Association, for the 1954-55 year, was elevated to the position of president of the department for the 1955-56 year recently.

"Mr. Newberry is recognized by the Division of Transportation of the State Board of Education and his fellow workers as one of the able men in his field in the state," commented R. F. Lowry, county superintendent of schools.

### Large Crowd for Special Service At Local Church

#### One of Largest Crowds in History of Ludford Memorial Baptist Church at Dedication Day Sunday

One of the largest crowds in the history of Ludford Memorial Baptist Church here turned out Sunday for the special Dedication Day observance.

The occasion marked completion of the project launched in the summer of 1947 to remodel the sanctuary and purchase new equipment. Since that time remodeling has been completed, new pews and a new organ installed, new carpeting laid and the church has been air-conditioned.

Sunday the sanctuary, organ, baptistry, educational units and all equipment were dedicated to the service of God. The weather was perfect for the occasion and it proved a memorable day for local Baptists. Several former members and friends of the church were in the large audience.

In his message on 'Christ's Prayer' the pastor, the Rev. Paul B. Nickens, pointed out that the church which fulfills Christ's prayer must be a church which is God-centered, a church which is marked by Christian unity and must be a church which keeps the world in its heart.

The presentation speech was made by J. R. Carr, chairman of the board of trustees, and acceptance was made by E. E. Harrell, chairman of the board of deacons. The prayer of dedication was offered by the Rev. R. H. Lucas, of Plymouth, a former pastor of the church.

The senior choir rendered an anthem, directed by Mrs. Roy T. Hopkins, with Mrs. W. D. Walker at the organ.

Following the morning worship hour a bountiful lunch was served on the church grounds.

#### Band Boosters Plan Local Talent Show, High School

The Plymouth Band Boosters this week announced plans for a local talent show to be held in the auditorium of Plymouth High School later this month.

The show will be styled "The Follies of '55" and is scheduled for performances Thursday and Friday nights, November 17 and 18, the announcement stated.

Details will be published at a later date.