rived here last week for their tri-

ennial vacation with relatives and

friends in their native section. They are living at the home of Mr. Bow-

A2/c Robert H. Gurganus, jr.,

Research Society at his office Sun-

day at 2 p. m. There were 13 doc-

tors from Eastern Carolina towns

in attendance. Addresses were made by Dr. G. O. James, of Dunn,

and Dr. E. H. Oakley, of Farmville.

The Beacon hereby tenders its

Mary Elizabeth Dinkins, daughter

at a Halloween party, but in some

manner her name was unintention-

ally left out in identifying those in

third from the right in the front

row, and the Beacon is sincerely

because her name was omitted.

sorry that her feelings were hurt

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allen, jr

were among a number of business

and professional persons from North Carolina and Virginia who

were guests last Saturday of the

National Bank of Commerce, Nor-

folk, Va., at a luncheon at Norfolk

Yacht and Country Club and at the

ninth annual Oyster Bowl football

game at Foreman Field, Norfolk,

between North and South Carolina

University elevens. Mr. Allen, who

holds a position with Branch Bank-

ing & Trust Company here, re-

Miss Harriet Linnie Keyes, of

versity Women's College students

who have been pledged by the 13

national social sororities at Duke.

Miss Keyes is a pledge of Alpha

from the Duke University Bureau

of Public Information. She is the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred

Phi, according to a recent release

ports an enjoyable day.

Keyes, of 29 Golf Road.

learned this week.

before the county commissioners

been informed by J. P. Davis, of

commodities with the government

program, that since Washington

County has been listed for Hurri-

cane Disaster Aid it will be en-

ties such as flour, dry beans, oleo-

Under the plan, each member of

margarine and cheese.

plying for commodities.

was pointed out.

pected to be forthcoming soon.

Regular Meeting Thursday

Old and new business was trans-

acted at the regular meeting of

every three years.

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Commissioners in

Routine Meeting

Request Reports From Coun-

Available Here

ber 31 of this year.

first Monday in January.

Here on Monday

ty Hospital; Surplus Com-modities Will Be Made

Washington County Hospital will

e asked to provide the board of

ounty commissioners with a fin-

ncial report of the operation of

ution's beginning through Decem-

The commissioners voted Mon-

day at the regular monthly session

to make request that the board be furnished the two reports by the

Other matters taken up at the

session included naming of two

trustees on the hospital board, rou-

tine reports and several road pe-

OFFICERS OF PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL BAND



Officers of the Plymouth High School Band for the current school year are pictured above as follows: Front row, left to right: Lynn Magee, president; Linda Lipscombe, vice president; Nancy Jackson, reporter. Back row: Ronnie Matheny, secretary and treasurer; Steve Hopkins, reporter.—Staff photo.

Street Paving Topic At Council Meeting

Air Observers **Aleri Sunday**

Plymouth, is one of 176 Duke Uni-Dr. A. L. Whitehurst and Jesse Rawls, supervisors respec-tively of the Plymouth and Roper Ground Observer Corps posts, report a successful alert last Sun-

> There were 19 volunteer observers participating at Plymouth and 29 at Roper, with 19 calls turned in by the Plymouth observers and 15 at Roper.

Needy Families To Board Here Lists Receive Aid From Commodities Here

Commissioners Approve Aphere lists five men as delinquent, weather, as the highway commission with a sixth having delinquent sion was holding up the projects plication for Aid Through charges removed when it was until an asphalt plant was located Surplus Food Commodi- shown that he had not been receiv- nearer to Plymouth than at pres-

Needy families in Washington R. Barrow, who had failed to re-County stand to get help in the turn his questionnaire.

way of food through the Surplus The five registrants listed on Food Commodities program, it was the delinquent sheet had either failed to report for examination, Mrs. Ursula Spruill, county sup- for pre-induction, or to return queserintendent of welfare, appeared tionnaire. They are.

Monday and stated that she had Henry Edward Downing, failure o report for examination; Raleigh, agent in charge of surplus

Eugene Baker, failure to report for pre-induction; Ira Wayne Nobles, failure to re-

port for pre-induction; Linwood Earl Dail, failure to re

titled to receive certain commodi- turn questionnaire; Roger Edward Clifton, failure to

return questionnaire.

will ask for four volunteers to serve on a local board which will decide on eligibility of persons ap- the parking area to the front en- on some swampland located back of trances, white and colored, at the "Sand Hill" along Welch's The commissioners voted in fa- Washington County Hospital were Creek. He said it had just been vor of making the proper applica- poured Monday of this week.

in order to set the program in emergency entrance at the rear of he contended it had no potential each. Robert L. Green, caught at motion here. Storage and refrigera- the hospital Wednesday but the tion will have to be provided, it walkways were expected to be suf- informed the council had no power ficiently hardened to allow use Details of the prgram are ex- Thursday.

Projects Probably Will Not Matters Considered

Members of the Plymouth City Council had a wide variety of subjects for discussion at their regular meeting Monday night, including street surfacing, truck bids, traffic control and Christmas lights on the streets here. Mayor A. J. Riddle presided, and all members of the council were present: E. D. Keel and W. C. Hall, first ward; Distillers Are Hit J. B. Latham and Ralph Hunter, second ward; J. B. Holliday and J. D. Mallory, third ward.

Mayor Riddle reported that the State Highway Commission was to Five Delinquents to go over the contract for surfacing a number of streets. He also said it was doubtful that the work Selective Service Board No. 95 could now be done before cold ties Government Program ing his mail through no fault of his ent. The mayor said he understood a plant was to be located at Wil-The latter was listed as Gurtha liamston within the next few will be undertaken next spring.

> delayed so much but was informed October. town authorities had not been able to get the commission to act earlier. It was also explained that the surfacing can be done much cheaper by the state forces, which means would be the case if a private con- stills.

tractor was secured. On motion of Councilman Huntbe purchased and installed at the John Combs and ATU officers.

Cement walkways leading from to consider relieving him of taxes confiscated. determined that this property was Patrons were still using the located inside the city limits, and value as part of the town. He was a still the same day, was given

See COUNCIL, Page 8

Creswell Homemakers Hold Harvest of Soybeans, down on the illicit whiskey business in this county in quite some time. Peanuts Progressing

the Creswell chapter, Future Home-It is believed that Washington | combines were busy generally over makers of America, held Thursday

a degree were asked to make every effort to complete requirements. remainder of the crop now in the ies of peanuts to the plant this pastor The president, Barbara Daven-

port, asked all girls to work for farmers' hands. Meanwhile, county farmers were the success of a Stanley party

week have been "rather poor." Mr. Broughton said receipts have

Official Passes; Buried This Week

At Washington County

Deputy Sheriff Luther L. Bas ight, 70, of Plymouth, died at Vashington County Hospital Sunday at 5:30 p. m. after an illness of six weeks. Mr. Basnight had been confined for a month at his home before being transferred to the hospital two weeks ago.

He was a native of the county, born February 4, 1885, son of the late Joseph B. and Nancy Oliver Basnight of this county. He had made his home at Plymouth for 30 years, moving here from Creswell. Mr. Basnight served for many years as chief ABC officer and as deputy sheriff here.

Prior to that time he was for was discontinued by the county

Mr. Basnight was well-known throughout the county and was held in high esteem. The floral offer- the building has been completed.

The sermon at the homecoming ings at the funeral were beautiful and profuse.

He was an unusually active man department of the Creswell School or his years and was busy with his during the 1955-56 school term was luties until taken ill six weeks ago. approved. Mr. Basnight was first married to Miss Carmelita Barnes in granting of an easement conveying January 1902 and she died August to the Virginia Electric and Power 9, 1952. On December 11, 1953, he Company the necessary right-ofwas married to Mrs. Hilda Gurgan- way for an electric line proposed

way for an electric line proposed to serve the athletic field at the Washington County Union School, Roper.

J. W. Norman and Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge, of Plymouth, were the serve the athletic field at the Washington County Union School, Roper.

J. W. Norman and Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge, of Plymouth, were the server the server the athletic field at the Washington County Union School, Roper. Miss Evelyn Basnight, both of designated as delegates to the State Plymouth; five sons, M. L. Bas-School Board Association meeting Projects Probably Will Not Be Started Until Sometime Newt Year. Other time Next Year; Other Brides, Va.; 30 grandchildren and lows: 23-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from First Christian Church, Plymouth, of which he was a member, Tuesday at 3 p. m. His paster, C. N. Barnette, officiated. Burlal mains were left at Horner's Fune-ral Home until one hour prior to

Hard Blow During Last Month Here

Six Stills Seized by Raiding Regular patrons and those who do not frequent the library are urged to visit the library especially Officers Much Equipment during Book Week. The librarian, Mrs. C. E. Ayers, will gladly ex-Confiscated, Several Men plain the services the library can Apprenhended

Six stills, a quantity of mash, whiskey and sundry equipment were confiscated and several permonths, and it is probable the work sons were apprenhended in raids conducted by Chief ABC Officer Councilman Holliday expressed Robert Sawyer, of Roper, other concern that the work had been county and ATU officers during

A detailed report submitted by Sawyer to the ABC board shows that 2,800 gallons of mash were bile runs in this county last week confiscated, along with 111/2 gallons of whiskey, nine worms, 11 genia Babylon, director of the Petmore streets will be surfaced, than coolers, 45 barrels and the six

Assisting in one or more of the raids were W. C. Styons, W. S. er, a three-way traffic signal is to Ainsley, Deputy Sheriff Peele, day was high with 373, while Monintersection of Washington and Water Streets, in front of the city Charlie E. Hassell was convicted market building. Stop signs are and given 12 months term, and the welfare board will act as chair- Entrance Walkways Poured also to be erected at the Water West Swain and Alvin Clagon were man in his respective community, it was explained, and the chairman will ask for four volunteers to

Wilst Chesson having died, his

case was dismissed. On October 26 in Federal Court Willie Bishop and Andrew Norman received 12-month sentences a hearing and bond was set at \$300. Earl Webb, indicted on circumstantial evidence, is also awaiting trial. This was the strongest crackdown on the illicit whiskey busi-

Conducting Seminars

The Rev. D. L. Fouts, former pastor of Plymouth Methodist The meeting was called to order by the vice president, Corinne Davenport. The secretary, Betty Jo Williams, called the roll.

All girls who are working toward and every like and williams are closing down this week, with a large markets such as Green and Peanut Company has a large market and provided that washington combines were busy generally over the section this week.

However, it is thought that some farmers are not moving their crops farmers are not moving their crops immediately to market. Manager the large markets such as Green and Peanut Company has a solution of the circuit there this week,

The first of the seminars was

Respected County No Program Here for Veterans' Day

Friday of this week, which is and a barbecue dinner at the vet | American Legion and with the sup-Veterans Day, will not be observed erans building. However, partici port of other veterans organizahere with any formal program, it was learned from spokesmen for said to be disappointing and no Luther L. Basnight, 70, Dies the local veterans' organizations.

At Washington County

Was learned from spokesmen for the local veterans' organizations.

Last year the first Veterans Day for Friday.

The holiday will be observed by federal, state and county offices, the banks and the post offices.

observance (newly changed from a parade of veterans units led by tice Day and so declared by the into lock boxes at the post offices the Plymouth High School band 83rd Congress on request of the as usual.

Education Board

Passes on Minor

Matters Monday

Authorizes Use of Addition

At Plymouth Elementary

School; Approves Con-

At its meeting here Monday of

The contract of Mrs. Fannie A.

The board also approved the

Book Week Here

which will be observed next week,

t is announced. The event will be

observed throughout the nation.

pleasure reading will give.

library," it is urged.

tigrew Library Region.

"Become acquainted with your

Bookmobile Runs Released

Figures for the regular bookmo

were released today by Mrs. Eu-

tract; Grants Easement

for Friday.

The holiday will be observed by

There will be no rural and city Hospital Following Long Armistice Day) featured a brief Veterans Day is a legal holiday, mail deliveries but mail will be address by the Rev. E. M. Spruill, having been changed from Armis- received and dispatched and put

Record Crowd Here the hospital during this year as well as a summary report of the financial condition from the insti-For Special Service

Largest Homecoming Crowd In History of First Christ-Ross Allen Speaks

The largest homecoming crowd

The sermon at the homecoming service held in the church on the Mills to teach in the elementary corner of Main and Washington Streets Sunday morning was delivered by the pastor, the Rev. C.

> A picnic lunch was served in the Social Hall of the new plant at 12:30 o'clock, At 2:15 p. m. a program of music preceded the memorial service and cornerstone rites. After a hymn and the invocation, the Rev. Mr. Barnette introduced Ross J. Allen, of Wilson, secretary of the North Carolina Missionary Society, who spoke on

Many responded. L. E. Hassell, sr., of Roper, chair-

The audience was then dismissed and gathered outside the building man; J. W. Norman and Mrs. K. S.

rapidly taking shape. When completed it probably will be valued at more than \$250,000.

The Washington County Public Library will feature special dis-plays during National Book Week

Among the visitors were some who had not returned to Plymouth in 40 years, it was said, and other states represented included Virgin-Georgia and possibly others. Some it is announced. were present from as far away as The event is scheduled for Thursin front of Willie Sitterson's store
day at 2 p. m. and Friday at 8 p. m.

Also, those who are not habitual readers are invited to register, take Garden Club at Rocky out a book, and see how much Mount Slates Program Steve Rawles; Maid of Honor, Va- J. B. Bland's house;

guests will be 75 cents, it was said. Mary Gardner, Ester Marie Phelps, will have charge of this program. She will bring many decorations to show and will make others as she Wayne Rose, Jerry Styons; Soloist, Weil Sawyer, Wayne Rose, Jerry Styons; Soloist, Weil Sawyer, Wayne Rose, Jerry Styons; Soloist, Yvonne Wallace.

The circulation for the colored totaled 634 for the three days, Monlectures. day, Tuesday and Thursday. Tues-

ian Church Here Sunday;

in the history of the church was many years superintendent of the old county home farm here, which Board of Education authorized that ship service in First Chirstian the new addition to the Plymouth Church and remained for the me-Elementary School be occupied at morial service and cornerstone layonce. Except fr the installation of ing at the new church plant on

N. Barnette to a capacity audience.

the significance of cornerstones.

Following the message the choir rendered special music while the opportunity was extended to anyone in the audience so desiring to make memorial gifts at that time.

sing i.g of the doxology.

The new church plant, a handsome sprawling brick structure, is

Many ministers of the town and

section, former pastors of the church, former members and friends were in the huge crowd which attended the Sunday serv-

Local Garden Club devotees will Chesson; Preacher, Tom Hood; Fabe interested to know that the ther of the Bride, Johnny Mizell; Rocky Mount Garden Club will Flower Girls, Daphne Jean Hud-Circulation Figures for New have its annual program on son, Lucille Phelps; Ringbearers, "Christmas Decorations" at the Lucille and Ronnie Hassell; Traino'clock. Admission charge for Gail Furlough, Mary Edna Dawson,

This meeting is open to all who

LEAVES FOR EUROPE

2nd Lt. David T. Read, jr., left

last Saturday for Manhattan

Beach, N. Y., for an overseas as-

signment in Europe. Unless his

orders are changed, he expected to go to an Air Force base at

Dreaux, France, some 55 miles

southwest of Paris, where he will

be a supply officer. David, who

graduated at East Carolina Col-

lege, Greenville, last November,

and was commissioned in the Air Force Reserve, was called into active service last April. Since

then he has been stationed in

Texas and large attended the Air Force up y sc. ol at Francis E. Warres ArB at Cheyenne, Wyo., for 14 weeks. He was home with

his parents here for three weeks

before leaving for his overseas assignment last Saturday.

Slate Roper FHA

Future Homemakers of Roper High

in the high school auditorium.

Bride, Linda Leary; Groom,

lerie Ashbell; Best Man, Boone

The cast of characters:

Leroy Ange, of Plymouth, was named to the hospital board of trustees for a five-year term to begin December 1 and expire November 30, 1960, replacing Mrs. Frances M. Darden, of Plymouth, whose term expired this month and who did not seek reappointment. A. R. Latham, of Plymouth, whose term on the board also expires this month, was reappointed for a term of five years, also to expire November 30, 1960. Mrs. Ursula Spruill, county su-

perintendent of public welfare, ap-peared before the board and stated that she had been informed by J. P. Davis, of Raleigh, agent in charge of surplus commodities gov-ernment program, that this county was listed for Hurricane Disaster aid and would be entitled to receive certain commodities. The poard agreed for application to be made for such through the proper

channels. E. J. Spruill, county tax collector and auditor, reported \$18,358.93 collected in his office during Oc-

The auditor was authorized to have the offices in the courthouse

finished painting.
Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home agent, read her report of work done luring the month of October. The 'ollowing road petitions were approved to be forwarded to the

highway department:
1. Road in Plymouth Township running from old Roper Road to US 64 and NC 32 and known as

Roxie Reese Road;
2. Road in Plymouth Township running from NC 32 about three miles south of city limits of Plym-Show Next Week Two presentations of a Tom outh and known as old County

Thumb Wedding sponsored by the Road; 3. Road in Plymouth Township ia, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, School are slated for next week, running from NC 32 about 11/2 miles south of Plymouth to circle

4. Road in Plymouth Township running from back of Sidney Ward's farm to Welch's Creek to

5. Road in Scuppering Township running to Spruill's Mill, a length of one-quarter mile.
The clerk, J. Robert Campbell,

was instructed to ask the highway department to continue to main-Ricks Hotel on Friday morning, bearer, Steve Leary; Bridesmaids, tain the old section of dirt road November 18, from 10 to 12 Sharon Swain, Donna Pierce, Nellie near Chapel Hill schoolhouse

wests will be 75 cents, it was said. Mary Gardner, Ester Marie Phelps, Mrs. R. O. Caviness, of Raleigh, Linda Tess; Ushers, Fred Daven-Hallowe'en Event **Encouraging Here**

Plymouth Parent - Teacher **Association Hear Reports** At Meeting Tuesday; 491 New Members

The annual Hallowe'en carnival, held here recently under Parent-Teacher Association sponsorship, cleared \$484.79 for the organiza-

A report of the event, given at the meeting of the PTA here Tuesday of this week, showed that the turkey dinner in the school lunch-room netted \$131.42, while the carnival itself showed a profit of \$353.37. A total of 142 plates was served in the lunchroom, with Miss Blanche Davis lending valuable assistance. Miss Davis is supervisor of the lunchroom.

Also, a very encouraging report by the membership chairman, Mrs. W. E. Manning, was heard at the meeting. Mrs. Manning said 491 new members of the organization have been secured, with dues amounting to \$245.50.

Three rooms at school tied for the \$5 prize offered in the membership campaign. These were Mrs. Katherine Harrison's third grade section, Miss Nellie Tarkenton's fourth and fifth grade sections and Mrs. C. A. Hough's eighth

Mrs. Louise McGowan addressed the meeting on her trip to Europe.

Former Local Pastor

held at Rones Chapel Church Tueswhich is scheduled for November busy harvesting and marketing pearly.

Meanwhile, county farmers were waried quite a bit as to quality, nuts and soybeans. The weather prices ranging from \$10.92 per hunhas been favorable and pickers and dredweight to \$14.40.

Everyone is invited to attend. Admission will be 25 and 50 cents. day showed 130 and Thursday 131. are interested. MEMBERS OF "THE PANTHER" STAFF AT PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL



Members of the staff of "The Panther," Plymouth High School student newspaper, for the current school year are pictured above. They are, left to right: Nancy Jackson, assistant editor and business manager; Mike Estep, sports editor; Betty Davenport, society editor; Marguerite Latham, staff typist; Mable Hardison, news editor; Gail Lewis, staff typist; Jessie Harrison, editor in chief; Betsy Barnhill, art editor; Lynn Magee, humor editor; Betty Ann Burnham, business manager; Janice Johnson, assistant feature editor; Gail Gaylord, assistant news editor; Carol June Windom, feature editor. Not present when the photo was made were Billy Harden, assistant sports editor, and Mrs. Margie Lucas, faculty sponsor. The first issue of "The Panthers" is due to be distributed next week.—Staff photo.