

**Business Pauses for Thanksgiving**

A general cessation of business for the day will mark the observance of the Thanksgiving holiday in Plymouth, according to a check made yesterday—but there will be exceptions, as usual.

The one-day closing will include the banks, all offices—county, state and federal, professional offices and the post offices of the county.

Exceptions to the closing for Thursday will be eating places, drug stores and service stations. Restaurants will remain open for

the day, and drug stores will probably observe the usual Sunday hours for the holiday. Most service stations are expected to remain open, but some may close for a short while around noon or in the early afternoon.

Local industrial plants will observe the holiday, at least in part. Atlas Plywood Corporation plant here will close Wednesday afternoon and reopen Monday, giving employees a long holiday. The office force at North Carolina Pulp

Company will be off for Thursday but the plant will operate as usual. True Temper Corporation plant will close for Thursday.

All county schools, white and colored, will observe the holiday. They will close Wednesday at the end of classes and resume at the usual hour Monday of next week.

This holiday will have to last students and teachers until the big holiday of the year for Christmas when schools close December 20 to reopen on January 2.

**35 Applicants Here For Commodity Aid**

**Preparing New Jury List Here**

Register of Deeds J. Robert Campbell and clerk, Mrs. Virginia Cahoon, have been busy lately preparing a new list of jurors for the county. This is usually done every two years, Mr. Campbell explained, in order to cull out names of persons who have died or moved away or who for other reasons cannot serve jury duty.

Nearly 2,500 names have been listed by townships. It is expected that a special meeting of the county commissioners will be called soon to consider the list. Each commissioner will check the list for his township, culling out names of those deceased, moved away, or who have done jury duty within the past two years.

**County Welfare Superintendent Expresses Belief These Will Pass Screening for Certification**

Through Tuesday noon 35 applications had been received by the Washington County Welfare Department for surplus commodity aid through the special program announcement last week, Mrs. Ursula Spruill, welfare superintendent, reports.

Mrs. Spruill said she anticipated several more applications at Creswell Wednesday.

Families making application for commodity aid who pass a screening test for eligibility by a local committee which certifies actual need will receive deliveries of such items on the surplus list as creamery butter, dried milk, cheese, rice, lard, cornmeal, flour and dried beans.

Of the applications received up to Tuesday Mrs. Spruill said she was virtually certain that all would pass the screening and be certified as needing help.

Those making application by Saturday of this week and subsequently certified as eligible will begin getting deliveries of commodities the first week in December, according to present plans.

The amount received by eligible families will be determined by the number of persons in family, it was said. Distribution, one day in each month, is planned by agricultural workers with assistance of volunteers.

Commodity aid is designed for those hard hit by the hurricanes this year and who do not have other resources to fall back upon. Also, persons whose work has been greatly curtailed by the short crops resulting from the storms and who have been unable to get other employment will be in line for help.

**Last Services on Sunday in Local Church Plant Set**

**Buildings of First Christian Church Sold; First Services at New Plant Announced for December**

Doubtless a great deal of sentiment will be attached to services to be held Sunday at First Christian Church here.

The minister of the church, the Rev. C. N. Barnette, has announced that Sunday will mark the last services to be held in the church plant at the corner of Main and Washington Streets. The day will be a touching one for members and friends of the church, former pastors and members.

The main building of the church was erected in 1898, while the annex was built in 1937. It is expected that many non-resident members of the church and old friends will attend the services Sunday. The church lists 590 members, including 130 non-resident members, Mr. Barnette said.

Regular worship programs as usual are scheduled for the day.

The first Sunday in December the meetings will be held in the Fellowship Hall at the new church plant on East Main Street. Considerable work remains to be done before the handsome new brick plant is completed and some improving will have to be done, it was explained, in order to accommodate the Sunday School classes and other regular church meetings.

The old church buildings, a landmark in Plymouth, have been sold to Dan Satterthwaite and dismantling and removal will begin next week, it is understood.

**Achievement Day For County 4-H Clubs on Monday**

**Parents and Interested Persons Invited to Meeting at Roper School; Awards To Go To 25**

Medals will go to 25 project winners in this county Monday night of next week when the annual 4-H Achievement Day is held at Roper High School, W. H. Pruden and Mrs. Frances M. Darden, club supervisors, announce.

A crowd of 200 persons or more is expected for the occasion.

It will be an all-4-H Club program, Mr. Pruden stated. There will be no adult speakers.

The program will be presided over by Billy Knowles, of the Roper Senior 4-H Club, who is president of the Washington County 4-H Club Council.

Several 4-H talent numbers are included on the program, Mr. Pruden said. The program is in charge of the Roper clubs and is expected to include special music, tap dancing and other numbers.

There are now eight clubs in Washington County, including junior, intermediate and senior clubs at Creswell and Plymouth, and junior and senior clubs at Roper. Total membership is listed at 375 boys and girls. The members are learning to follow through on various projects and to keep accurate records of such.

A special invitation is issued to parents of club members and all interested persons to attend this program next Monday night and witness the progress that is being made in club work in this county. The meeting will open promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

**Principal Street Closed to Traffic**

**John G. Woodley Rites Wednesday**

One of Plymouth's chief traffic arteries, Washington Street, was closed to traffic part of Monday and Tuesday of this week, for resurfacing.

However, Chief of Police P. W. Brown stated late Tuesday that the work should be completed and the street reopened at least by noon Thursday, and possibly earlier.

Resurfacing work was completed on Park Avenue and Linden Street early this week, the chief reported, and West Water Street is next in line, it was said. Also, it is expected that surfacing will be done on the county school property here this week.

No more street work will be done on the county school property here until next April, Brown stated.

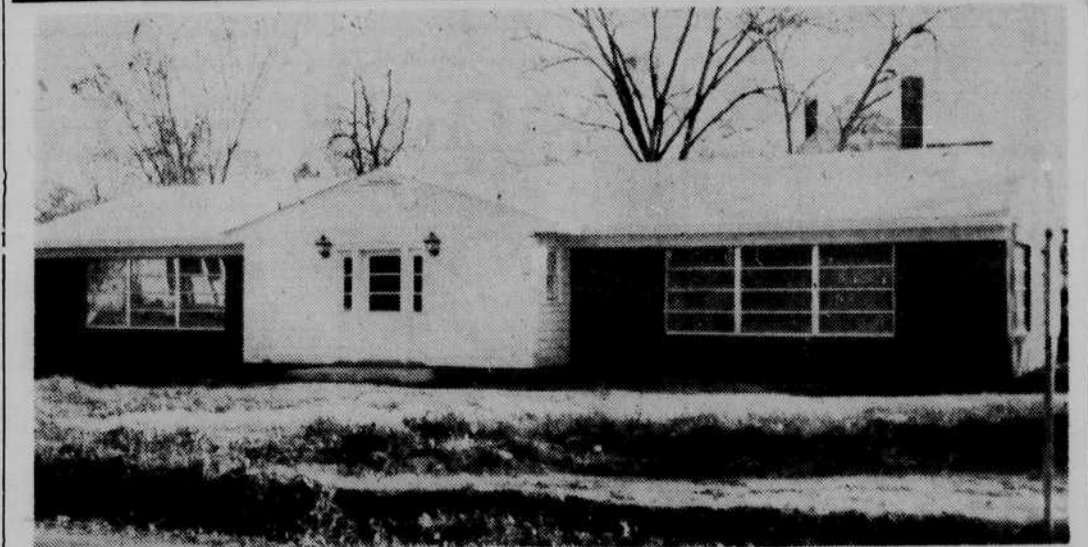
Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 2 p. m. from Philippi Church of Christ, Creswell, for John G. Woodley, 77, a member of that church. Officiating was the Rev. M. L. Ambrose, pastor. Burial followed in the family cemetery near the home.

Mr. Woodley died Monday following a lengthy illness. He was the son of the late Thomas and Mary Woodley, was a farmer and a deacon of Philippi Church.

Surviving are his wife, Bessie Davenport Woodley; five daughters, Mrs. Callie Ward and Mrs. Alvin Alexander, of Columbia, Mrs. Stella Phelps and Mrs. Edna Earle Phelps, of Creswell, and Mrs. Lillian Herrington, of Plymouth; one son, John Gardner Woodley, of the U. S. Army stationed in South Carolina; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; four brothers, Arthur, Henry and Willie Woodley, of Creswell, and Seaton Woodley, of Columbia; one sister, Mary A. Ambrose, of Creswell.

Mr. Woodley's first wife, Minnie Lee Basnight Woodley, died July 21, 1925.

**TO BEGIN USE OF NEW LIBRARY BUILDING HERE IN JANUARY**



Located at the intersection of Adams and Third Streets, the new Washington County Library building will be ready for occupancy sometime in January. Construction work was completed last week and members of the Plymouth Fire Department are now engaged in building shelves and cabinets, with painting of the interior to follow. The county appropriated \$10,000 for the building, with the furnishings, shelves, cabinets and other equipment to be raised by public subscription. The lot was donated by Attorney and Mrs. Z. V. Norman, and E. M. Leavitt, a member of the library board, is in charge of the project.—Staff photo.

**Christmas Festival Committees Named At Session Monday**

**Plans Being Made for Santa Claus Visit, Community Carol Singing, Decorations And Displays**

Plans for community observance of pre-Christmas events were advanced Monday night by appointment of committees and designation of organizations to handle various phases of the programs being considered, according to Thomas F. Hopkins, chairman of the planning committee.

It was decided to give the entire list of projects one name—the Community Christmas Festival. This will include the annual visit of Santa Claus for benefit of the smaller children, very probably on Friday, December 16; three half-hour community carol singings during the week preceding Christmas; displays at schools and on the grounds of public buildings and home decorations throughout the section.

A committee of seven, headed by Lloyd Gilbert as chairman, was named to handle details of the three half-hour community singings, scheduled from 7 until 7:30 p. m., on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of Christmas week, December 19, 21, and 23. Other members of the committee, which will meet next Monday night at the Mayflower to work out details of the program, are Mrs. Roy Hopkins, Mrs. Stewart Saunders, Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge, Mrs. Robert Combs, Charles Hutchins and Shep Brinkley.

It is planned to have the community singing in front of the City Market Building here, at the intersection of Water and Washington Street. It is probable that massed church choirs of the town and county will sing several numbers, with all those present joining in the singing of other Christmas carols and sacred songs.

Letters are to be sent to all

**NOT MUCH FUTURE FOR A TURKEY NOWADAYS**



Today being Thanksgiving, everyone is supposed to have something to be thankful for, but these birds would like to know what it is. Hatched during the spring and summer on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Latham, about two miles from Plymouth, they have had only a very brief past and no prospects at all for the future. Many of them are winding up on dinner tables in this section today, with the remainder headed for the same fate at least by Christmas, which is only a month from tomorrow. This shows a portion of the flock of more than 200 broad-breasted bronze birds, and while they were healthy enough when this photo was made last Friday, they were awfully poor life insurance risks.—Staff photo.

**Jas. H. Ward to Head Stocking Fund Drive**

**Christmas Stocking Fund Committees Named at Organizational Meeting At Courthouse Monday Night**

James H. Ward, young Plymouth insurance man and farmer, will head the annual Empty Stocking Fund drive which gets underway here Monday of next week.

Actual soliciting by the finance committee will begin next Monday, it was said.

Ward was named chairman at the organizational meeting held Monday night in the courtroom of the county courthouse here. A tentative cash goal of \$2,500 was set for the effort this year.

Named to work with the chairman were D. Marvin Weaver, treasurer; James Bond, publicity; James Boyce, toy chairman; Carl L. Bailey, sr., finance chairman; and P. B. Bateman, named by Mr. Ward as executive committee chairman. Other members of this committee will be named next week.

Named to the finance committee were 27 white and colored leaders in various communities of the county. These were listed as follows:

Seppernong Township—Thomas Hampton, Creswell, chairman; Mrs. C. N. Davenport, jr., and Hilton Chesson, of Creswell; Odessa Harris and P. W. Littlejohn, colored co-chairmen, Arthur Rogers and Louise Phelps;

Skinnerville—Walter White; Rev. James Moore, colored chairman;

Lees Mill—Jack Leary, chairman, Bryan Harris and T. R. Spruill; Thomas A. Wilkins, colored chairman for Roper; Mary Lee Wilkins, Mackeys; Lilly Webb, Bethel; Fred

**Start Next Week On Yule Lighting**

Chief of Police P. W. Brown said yesterday that installation of Christmas lights in the business section here would be started Monday of next week by town workmen. He hopes to have the task completed by the last of the week.

The custom is an annual one here, with the lights usually being strung up on Water and Washington Streets about the first of December and used until New Year's Day or slightly after. Also, cost of lighting is usually evenly shared by the town and the merchant.

**Hay Program Will Operate in County Announced Here**

**Local Leaders of Emergency Program Seek To Hear From Interested Farmers And Dealers in County**

An emergency hay program for Washington County was discussed at a meeting of agricultural technical workers held at the agriculture building here Monday afternoon. Washington County being one of the declared disaster counties, the program proposed for this state will operate here.

Eligibility of farmers is determined by the County FHA committee, with the exception that supplies of hay will be limited to the amount needed between date of application and March 31, 1956.

Application forms may be secured at county offices of the ASC, FHA or county agent.

After approval of application the producer will take approved application to any approved hay dealer. The approved application, when signed by dealer and farmer showing delivery and receipt, will entitle the hay dealer to a refund by the U. S. government through the N. C. Dept. of Agriculture for 1/2 the actual paid freight per ton or \$10 per ton, whichever is smaller.

Local leaders of this program are anxious to hear from farmers who desire to participate and from any merchants or regular hay dealers who would like approval under the program.

Interested persons should get in touch with W. Willis Bowen, county FHA supervisor, Henry Bragg of the Soil Conservation Service, W. H. Pruden, county agent, or Miss Miriam Aushon, county office manager, ASC.

**Funeral Services For Claud Morris**

Graveside services were held at Morris Cemetery Friday at 2 p. m. for Claud Morris, 38, of Roper, who died at his home near Roper at 12 p. m. Thursday. Officiating was the minister of Roper Pentecostal Holiness Church, the Rev. Mr. Potter.

Mr. Morris was born February 14, 1917, was a lifelong resident of this county. He was the son of Mrs. Donnie Spruill Morris and the late Daniel Morris, of this county. He had been in poor health for the past five years and had been confined to his bed for a week. He was single.

Surviving, other than his mother, are a sister, Mrs. Ruby Conner, of Roper; and one brother, Dolph Morris, also of Roper.

**Lodge To Observe 144th Anniversary With Banquet 29th**

**Also Marks 36th Annual Past Masters' and Ladies' Night; Eli Bloom Will Be Speaker**

Members of Perseverance Lodge No. 59, A. F. & A. M., have about completed plans for observance of the 144th anniversary of the lodge and the 36th annual past masters' and ladies' night Tuesday night of next week.

A banquet and program have been planned to take place in the social hall at the First Christian Church's new plant on East Main Street. Eli Bloom, of Greenville, will be the principal speaker.

Members of the lodge will meet at the lodge hall at 7 p. m. to begin the session, adjourning to the social hall of the church at 7:30 to join the ladies and special guests. Hilton Dunbar, master of the lodge, is expected to preside.

Other officers of the lodge are W. C. Chesson, senior warden; J. M. Gilreath, junior warden; B. G. Campbell, treasurer; W. C. Stoyons, secretary; G. R. Leggett, jr., senior deacon; M. F. Ange, junior deacon; D. K. Pittman, senior steward; J. B. Latham, junior steward; C. W. Dinkins, tyler; and the Rev. R. H. Lucas, chaplain.

Mr. Bloom, the principal speaker for the banquet session, is city attorney at Greenville, a Shriner of Sudan Temple, and a member of Consistory No. 3, Scottish Rite body, New Bern.

**Special Services at Local Churches for Thanksgiving Day**

**Few Churches of Town and County Announce Special Services for Thursday of This Week**

Special services have been announced for Thursday of this week in observance of Thanksgiving Day at a few churches of this county.

Ludford Memorial Baptist church and Grace Episcopal Church, Plymouth, and St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Roper, have announced special services to mark the day.

Services to last approximately 45 minutes will begin at 10 a. m. Thursday at Ludford Memorial Church. The choir of the church will render an anthem, following which the pastor, the Rev. Paul E. Nickens, will bring a brief, appropriate message. The offering will go to the orphanage work of the church, it was stated. The public is cordially invited.

Morning prayer and sermon will be featured at services scheduled for 9 a. m. Thursday at St. Luke's Church, Roper, the pastor, the Rev. Edward Muse Spruill, has announced. At 11 a. m. similar services will be conducted at Grace Church, Plymouth, by Mr. Spruill.

Also, a Thanksgiving Eve service is set for Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. at Plymouth Presbyterian Church with the minister, the Rev. R. L. Combs, in charge.

At each services the special offering will be presented for the Thompson Orphanage at Charlotte. The public is cordially invited to attend these special services, and all others of the church.

It is possible that other county churches have arranged Thanksgiving services but no such announcement has been received here.

Among the colored churches of the county Spring Green Disciple Church of Christ has scheduled a Thanksgiving Day Sunrise Service with music by the Junior Choir, Mrs. Lillian Moore, organist. An appropriate sermon will be delivered by the pastor of the church, Elder Noah Boston.

**Report Six Cases In Superior Court Here Last Week**

Other Cases Reported Last Week or Continued for Term; Appeals Noted in Some Cases

Six cases other than those reported in the last issue of The Beacon were completed in superior court here last week before Judge Malcolm C. Paul, of Washington.

Janie M. Bell was granted an absolute divorce from Isiah Bell.

D. O. Patrick vs. J. S. Hill, trading as J. S. Hill Construction Company, David M. Roberson and Sallie Roberson, was non-suited, with the costs taxed to the plaintiff.

Plaintiff gave notice of appeal in open court and further appeal was waived. Appellant was given 30 days in which to serve the case on appeal and appellees were allowed 15 days thereafter in which to serve counter case or exceptions. Appeal bond was fixed at \$100.

N. W. Spruill, sr., vs. James M. Barber—defendant announced in open court that his lease expires Dec. 31, 1955, and that he would vacate the premises on or before that time. By consent it was ordered and decreed that he do so. Plaintiff was taxed with the costs.

Joseph H. Peele vs. James N. Etheridge—plaintiff to recover the sum of \$250, together with all costs of the action. The defendant moved to set aside the verdict for

**Deacons Elected At Local Church**

Election of deacons was held at a congregational meeting Sunday at Plymouth Presbyterian Church.

Named to the body were Dr. R. Vernon Jeter, Walter E. Oakes and William B. Blackburn.

Dr. Marvin Weaver was elected recording clerk for the meeting.

The deacons will be installed at a later service to be announced, it was said.

Elders of the church are J. L. Rea and Marvin Weaver.

The Rev. Robert L. Combs is minister.

**Bird Season Open Thanksgiving Day**

What many hunters consider "the real hunting season" opens on Thanksgiving Day when it becomes lawful to go after quail, turkeys and rabbits.

Bag limits are the same as last year. Daily limit on quail is 8, with a possession of 16, and a season limit of 100. For wild turkeys (toms) the daily bag limit is one, possession limit two and season limit two.

Daily bag limit on rabbits is five, possession limit is 10 and season limit is 75.

Again, there will be no "lay" days during the open season which extends through January 31.

**State Auto Licenses On Sale January 2**

Motor vehicle owners in this state won't have as much time in which to get state license plates as has been the case in the past.

James H. Ward, manager of the Carolina Motor Club office, 116 Washington Street here, which sells the tags, calls attention of the public to the fact that the licenses will not go on sale until Monday, January 2. However, the deadline for displaying old plates has been moved up from January 31 to February 15, so that should help some.

In the past the plates have gone on sale December 1, giving motorists a full two months in which to make purchases before the deadline.

Incidentally, the new plates have black letters on orange, reversing the 1955 color scheme.

During the license season the hours maintained at the office here will be from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. daily, Mr. Ward stated, explaining that the 4 p. m. closing is necessary to allow time to make out the required report of the day's sales.

Town of Plymouth plates will be placed on sale at the municipal building as soon as they arrive.

**Manslaughter Is Charged in Wreck**

A Washington County Negro faces a manslaughter charge in the highway death last Saturday of Mrs. Charles Sutton, of Edenton.

Mrs. Sutton was killed at about 11 a. m. in an auto collision about seven miles west of Columbia, involving cars operated by her husband and by Howard Simpson, 24, of Roper Route 1. The accident happened on US 64.

Mrs. Sutton died of head injuries, apparently instantly.

Mr. Sutton was hospitalized with possible internal injuries, a fractured arm and a cut lip. Johnnie Sutton, his four-year-old son, was hospitalized with a head injury.

Simpson suffered internal injuries.

The wreck was investigated by State Highway Patrolman L. N. "Red" Walters, of Columbia.