who is area engineer with the Soil

Conservation Service, spent Mon-

day in Plymouth in conference with Conservationist Henry Bragg and Technician Ed Craft of the local SCS office. Plans for "A" Canal drainage at Wenona have been approved, it was said, and work is expected to begin shortly, following contract letting. While here, Mr. Hunnings returned the Hunnings returned the ap-

proved plans for the canal. The federal government through the

ACP will supply part of the cost,

with some 25 cooperating landown-

ers to furnish the remainder. The

landowners' committee consists of

Robbie Stotesbury, J. F. Carter and

Braxton Bell. A petition asking

SCS aid was signed by 100 per

cent of the landowners concerned.

David W. Paul, young Wenona

the Bankers Short Course at N. C.

State College. Paul was chosen

from this county to receive a scho-

larship good for the two-week

which is sponsored by the N. C

Bankers Association. Paul went

under auspices of Branch Banking

and Trust Company and Planters

National Bank and Trust Company

here. He will return home the last

of next week, according to present

Those from Plymouth who at

tended the funeral of Charles An-

drew Dunning in Northampton

County Saturday afternoon were

R. F. Lowry, Mr. and Mrs. W. C.

Jones, Mrs. J. E. Swain, Mrs. Jack

Peele and the Rev. P. B. Nickens,

Ruritans Ted Martus and T. R.

Spruill, of the Roper club, return-

ed late Wednesday from Atlan-

ta, Ga., where they attended the

Ruritan National convention at the

and a pleasant stay in the Georgia

metropolis. Six clubs from the

Roanoke District weer represented.

Martus stated. Incidentally, the

some outstanding speakers, he said,

including Herman Talmadge, form-

er Georgia governor; E. Smythe Gambrell, president of the Ameri-

can Bar Association; Major Gen-

eral Paul H. Jordan, commander

of the 30th Armored Division; Dr.

Kenneth McFarland, educational

now placed, it is understood. There

are four persons at present being

Wire Cable Line, Şaid

W. E. Turner, Plymouth man-

Telegraph Company, and T. W.

Howard Davenport and Giles Stall-

ings, were initiated, with T. C.

Martus, as the installing officer.

Herman L. Owens

Rites Here Today

Last rites for Herman L. Owens.

54, of Plymouth, will be held from

Ludford Memorial Baptist Church,

of which he was a member, Thurs-

Wednesday at his home on Jeffer-

son Street. He lived with a brother,

H. C. Owens, and had worked

Tuesday at Allen's Store where he

The deceased was born in Mar-

tin County February 1, 1901, son

of the late Stuart L. and Georgia

Anna Hardison Owens, but had spent most of his life in this

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs

E. L. Ayers, Plymouth, and Mrs.

A. E. Collins, New Bern; and his

Services will be conducted by

the minister of the church, the Rev. Paul B. Nickens, and burial

will be made in the Plymouth

The body will be taken from

Horner's Funeral Home to the

church one hour before the serv-

Methodist Church Cemetery.

Mr. Owens died at 12:30 a. m

day of this week at 3:30 p. m.

near future.

was employed.

county

taken care of in the home.

Roper Area To Get 100-

who assisted in the services.

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twice daily, starting next Monday. It will be sounded at noon 6 p. m. each weekday except Saturday, when it will be sounded at noon and 7 p. m. The regular fire siren will be sounded at 9 o'clock each morning.

Fire departments officials explain that the air horn is to be

firemen were advised that the more it is used the better it will perform. That is the reason for the three blasts twice daily, which serve to keep the air lines in the equipment cleaned out.

Firemen prefer to use the air horn for fire alarms, since it is coded to give the general locations of fires. The equipment was installed some years ago and per-

years alarms have been sounded with the old siren. The siren has also been sounded at 9 a. m. noon and 6 p. m., to mark the opening and closing hours of local stores. It will continue to be used at 9 a. m. on weekdays, but in the future the horn will be used at noon and 6 p. m., each day except Saturday, when the closing blast will be at 7 p. m.

Say Tax Listing

Job 90 Percent

Hubert L. Davenport, county tax

estimated as few as 15 or so prop-

About 90 per cent have listed

overall, he estimated. No figures

filled out on each construction job

are needed to complete the valua-

tion picture on new construction.

Polio Ball Here

opportunity to help the weak.

Smithson and his orchestra of Suf-

A popular-make mattress is he

Admission is \$1 per person and

An exciting feature of the event

ing offered as a door prize.

ceremony, it is understood

large crowd is anticipated

plained.

Town Dump To Be Relocated and Rat-Poisoning Campaign To Be Staged; Other Matters at Meeting Mayor A. J. Riddle and members

of the Plymouth town council assured a sizeable delegation from local women's and civic clubs that the town would cooperate wholeheartedly in the clean-up campaign to be staged here in March. Then to prove they really meant it, the council members later in the session authorized Delbert Allen, Done in County county sanitarian, to secure materials for a rat-poisoning drive, while the town's street crew later Roebuck Praised by County in the week got busy and set out in the week got busy and set out Tax Supervisor for Job by the garden club on several

Turned in; No Relaxing Streets nere.

The clean-up movement originated with the Plymouth Garden nated with the Plymouth Garden Club but a number of other women's clubs, as well as the Jaycees, Lions and Rotary Clubs here have since joined in to help with the completed during the prescribed listing period which ended Friday movement, was principal spokesman for the delegation at the council meeting Monday night, although supervisor, told a Beacon reporter several others joined in while the discussion was underway. The main campaign here will begin on

Several other matters were considered by the council at its regular monthly meeting, with Mayor In Lees Mill, Skinnersville and Riddle presiding and all six mem-Scuppernong Townships the per bers of the council in attendance cent listing was about the same, as follows: E. D. Keel and W. C. Davenport estimated, but in Plym- Hall, first ward; J. B. Latham and Roebuck listed property at the courthouse for both town and town-

One of the things suggested by the delegation was finding a new place for dumping refuse and garbage by the town trucks. At present property owned by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad on the north side of East Water Street is being See COUNCIL, Page 10

Considerable new construction Routine Matters ment, science department, offices and health room, library, lunchno difficulty is anticipated in getno difficulty is anticipated in getting the valuation on the books. He explained that most of the needed By Commissioners

Drainage Project Underway; \$39,500 in Taxes

Authorizing Henry Bragg and L D. Hunnings, of the Soil Conservation Service, to fill out application blanks covering the count

Approval of extension for the Roxie Reese Road; queen, Miss Sandra Leggett. The

identity of the queen will not be of \$39,566.59 collected in his office divulged until just prior to the during the month of January;

The clerk to the board, J. Robwrite to the highway department to request that the road leading off the Mill Pond in Lees Mill Township and up through the W. H. Thompson Road to the Dismal

Road be improved. All members of the board were resent for the meeting as follows: Frank L. Brinkley, chairman, of Roper; Hubert L. Davenport, of

Free Farm Show

To Start Using Fire Horn Here Daily Local residents are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on Repairs have been made, and the states and for the past few to be alarmed by three blasts on to be alarmed by three blasts on Repairs have been made, and the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on Repairs have been made, and the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on Repairs have been made, and the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on Repairs have been made, and the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on Repairs have been made, and the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on Repairs have been made, and the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on Repairs have been made, and the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on Repairs have been made, and the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on Repairs have been made, and the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on Repairs have been made, and the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on the states are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on the states are advised not the states



outh High School Band participated in the All-State Band Clinic, eastern division, held at East Carolina College in Green-ville Friday and Saturday of last week. The three members, pictured above, left to right, are Barbara Johnson, trumpet; Ben Windley, baritone; and Linda Lipscomb, clarinet.—Staff photo.

Resolution; Seek Hospital Addition No decision was reached here Monday by the county commissioners concerning two important mat-

Matter of School Facilities

Comes Up in Form of

ters brought to their attention. action being deferred in both in-One important item of business was in regard to the school facili-

ties problem, while the other related to the county hospital here.

The commissioners set Monday, February 20th, as the date for a special meeting to consider a reso-lution handed them Monday by the county education board. It was said that a decision would be reached at a later date on the matter of adding rooms to the Washington County Hospital.

The resolution, passed earlier in the day by the board of education in regular monthly session here,

Clean-Up Campaign "Whereas, in the judgment of the Washington County Board of Education, it is necessary to con-Planned Next Month struct additional school buildings, purchase land on which to locate purchase land on the land of land on which to locate purchase land on the land of land on the land of land on such buildings, buy needed equipment and busses, and to remodel, renovate, recondition and add to the existing buildings which are used in the operation of the public schools of said County is required by the Constitution of North Carolina, and it is necessary to expand not less than \$500,000 for such purposes, and no provision has been made either by the levy of local tax or otherwise to raise said sum,

"Now Therefore, Be it resolved by the Washington County Board of Education that the Board of Commissioners of said County is requested to call an election in Washington County as soon as may be practicable as authorized by law to ascertain the will of the voters as to whether bonds of said County for school purposes may be is-sued in the amount of \$500,000 for the purposes stated above.

"Further it is resolved that the Secretary of the County Board of Education be and is hereby directed to present a certified copy of this resolution to the said Board of Commissioners.'

The matter will be on the agen-da when the commissioners meet at the courthouse February 20 at 7 p. m., it was said. Be Raised Here

E. H. Liverman, W. Blount Rodman and Leroy Ange, trustees of Proposal of Insurance Rat- the Washington County Hospital; ing Bureau Would Increase Rate in County by and Frank L. Brinkley, chairman of the county board of commissioners who is also on the executive committee of the hospital's board of trustees, joined in calling attention of the county governing

See BOARD, Page 10

Report Shows 115 Planes Sighted During 238 Hours

Jesse Rawls, supervisor of Roper Ground Observer Corps post, announced today that 83 observers served at the post during "Operation Skywatch" with 238 man-hours pulled during the five-day period.
A total of 115 planes was sighted and reported, with 90 telephone

Thirty new observers have been added to the post roster, Mr. Rawls commented

Mrs. Vinie Rhodes Buried on Sunday

Funeral services were held from Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church Sunday at 3:30 p. m. for Mrs. Vinie Rhodes, 55, of Plym-

Officiating was the Rev. Donald Wagner, of Columbia. Interment was in the church cemetery. The remains were left at Horner's Funeral Home until one hour prior to the service and then taken to the

The deceased was a daughter of Other precinct conventions are the late John Swain and Ellen scheduled as follows: Lees Mill Thomas Swain, of Tyrrell County. Precinct, Wednesday, February 15. She passed away at 1:20 p. m. Saturday at Washington County Hospital, following an illness of four months, two months of which time

she was confined to her bed Mrs. Rhodes was a native of Tyrrell County, born July 12, 1901. She had made her home at Plymouth for six months, coming here from Columbia. She was a member of Sound Side Church.

nie Spruill, of Kitty Hawk; and five grandchildren.

Bond Issue Favored farmer, is in Raleigh attending By Board Education course at the West Raleigh school

Cancel Civil Court Term

The civil term of Washington County Superior Court, which had been scheduled to open here Monday of next week, will not be held and jurors and others interested should please note.

Because of illness of some of the lawyers with resultant continuance of so many cases and on recommendation of the Washington County Bar the court term has been cancelled, it was learned Tuesday.

Dinkler Plaza Hotel. Ted reported a fine trip by car going and coming Student Group To Leave Sunday for programs January 28-31 presented

Two-Day Trip To Historic, Pupils, Principal

consultant with General Motors A group of Plymouth school 10 classrooms, auditorium and Corp.; and Maurice Langhorne, students plans to leave here by gymnasium (or gymtorium if funds psychologist, Emory University, Atlanta.

University, Students plans to leave here by chartered bus Sunday for a trip to historic Williamshare Va. Principles historic Williamsburg, Va., Princi pal J. S. Fleming has announced. Joe Thrower returned to Plym-Mr. Fleming will accompany the outh this week from Chicago students, 35 having signified their where he attended the boat show at

intention of making the trip. the International Amphitheatre The itinerary calls for supper at during the past week-end. Joe was 5:30 p. m. Sunday at the Williamsin Chicago for the show four days. burg Lodge, where all meals and lodging will be supplied courtesy tentatively hopes to construct, sub-Mrs. Annie Mae Pemberton, of of the Rockefeller Foundation, Mr. Raleigh, supervisor of state board- Fleming stated. Sunday evening ing homes for the aged, spent Wed- will be free for the visitors to en- cilities listed above. Of course, it nesday afternoon here with Mrs. joy as they see fit, while following is understood that what would be perintendent. Together, the two ial Williamsburg will be made.

visited the only such home in the by Gladys Pettiford Hassell. Mrs. in Williamsburg at 4:30 o'clock and nearly meet the ne space to take care of persons not

were listed as follows: Johnny Marrow, Billy Bowen

Billy Hall, Allan Ganderson, Russell Bland, Reg Smith, Charles Watson, Edward Stewart, Harvie ager of Carolina Telephone and Hall, Golden Simpson, Buddy Har-

Rose, of the Rocky Mount district rison, Al Cox; Martha Blount Rodman, Linda office, were featured on the program of Roper Ruritans Thursday Alice Culbreth, Margaret Simpson. Louise Sawyer, Betty Ladd, Phyl-The Ruritans were told that a lis Hardison;

100-wire cable line would be a Gale Spencer, Carole Ray Dunreality in the Roper area in the can, Rosa Hopkins, Patricia Owens, P. B. Belanga would soon be fully Kathryn Keel, Patsy Holiday, and Two new members of the club, Ann Armstrong.

County Education Board Adopts Resolution Monday Asking Commissioners To Call Bond Vote

The Washington County Educa tion Board Monday adopted a resolution asking the county commissioners to call an election to vote on the question of issuing \$500,000 school bonds to be used for

lution was carried by the secretary to the commissioners, who also yesterday that preparations were were in regular monthly session at being made to index the tax books the courthouse. The latter deferred which were closed last Friday. He March 19. action but set a special meeting said no relaxing of the 10-per-centfor Monday night, February 20, to penalty rule for late listing would onsider the matter.

The suggested program of school plant improvement in the county, it is believed by some observers, would require all the monies now available for the purpose plus the outh Township the job was more amount mentioned in the Monday nearly completed, he said. W. A. Holliday and J. D. Mallory, third in the history of Plymouth is in Virginia Junket amount mentioned in the Monday resolution, and possibly then some.

A brief outline of such a program lists as present needs a lunchroom and agriculture shop at lunchroom and agriculture shop at lunchroom and agriculture shop at lestimated as few as 15 or so prop-Colonial Williamsburg is Creswell High School; Physical erty owners in each the town and township failed to list during the Creswell High School; Physical erty owners in each the town and Slated for 35 Local School shop at Roper High School; 10 listing period, January 2 through classrooms at Washington County February 3. Union School; two classrooms at

not available for both), two shops, band room, homemaking departand health room, library, lunchroom, and storage rooms

Those registered for the trip ing of plans if the money is pro-

vided, it was explained. Wayne West, Bobby Ladd, Bill the election of J. W. Norman as chairman pro tem of the education my Terry, George Waters, Leroy board due to illness of Board Weterans Building from 9 o'clock by the control of the contr Chairman L. E. Hassell, sr., of til? Music will be by Stewart

Extending the leave of absence of Mrs. P. W. Littlejohn to the end of the sixth school month;

Acceptance of the bid of A. M. Kochelis for the old classroom tary School campus provided it is not raised within the next 10 days; at intermission by last year's A resolution was passed express-ing the hope that L. E. Hassell and

See BOND ISSUE, Page 5

It is estimated that about 90 per ent of the real and personal property listings in this county were of last week.

school purposes. Following its adoption, the reso

Plymouth Elementary School; and

R. F. Lowry, who as county superintendent of schools, also serves as secretary to the county educational board, said the board ject to any changes which the surbreakfast Monday a tour of Colon- built is subject to receiving bids within the amount of money avail-The group is scheduled to leave able. The board may find it desircounty, that operated in Plymouth Sunday at 1 p. m., arrive hy Gladys Pettiford Hassell. Mrs. in Williamsburg at 4:30 o'clock and leave there Monday at 1 o'clock. immediately preceding the draw-

were available at the time, he exwas done in Plymouth during 1955. no difficulty is anticipated in getinformation is available on forms

and that actual measurements only Take Steps To Get County

On Friday Night Friday night of this week the business and deferred action on strong-limbed will have a grand two problems relating, respective-Those who enjoy dancing can reported separately in this paper Routine matters included:

Authorizing that a check be issue to the treasurer of the South ern Albemarle Association for 1956 county dues;

drainage projects;

E. J. Spruill reported the sum

and Commissioner A. R. Latham, both of Plymouth; J. C. Knowles,

Planned Tuesday

Safety Record Still On Here

The most all-out drive for clean-The great safety record at N. C. Pulp Co. here was still intact as of Wednesday morning the offing, it was indicated this and through Tuesday of this week stood at 1,259,574 manhours worked without a lost-time

On Tobacco May

Among counties which would be

effected by proposed changes in

The North Carolina Fire Insur-

The Rating Bureau proposed in-

The filing is based on loss ex-

perience in each county since 1924

50 Cents

A plan instigated by the Plym outh Garden Club and entered into with some enthusiasm by several Howard Gaylord, personal diother clubs of the community, busrector at the big plant who director at the big plant who diercts the safety program, stated Wednesday morning that morale was at a high peak among the some 1,200 employees and supervisory per muel. The last lost-time accept hapened August 1, 1955, so the six-month mark was passed February 1. iness and professional people and city officials, came to public at tention Tuesday when a meeting was called by the project chairman, Mrs. R. Version Jeter.

The mosting was held in the

banquet room of The Mayflower senting the town government, both Hail Insurance banks, the county health depart-ment, several civic clubs, about 14 business houses and the local newspaper.

Giant Parade Slated for Sat-

The Next Week

week.

urday, March 17, With

Clean-Up Week To Follow

Mrs. Nobles briefly outlined the project plan, enlarged upon various phases and answered quesions. Comment was also called for and some responded, among them The Washington County Board of Commissioners, in regular monthly session here Monday, and a co-owner in the produce Mayor A. J. Riddle, County Sanimarket here.

It was explained that the overly, to county school facilities and additional rooms for the Washinghail insurance rates on growing toprogram will be advertised and bacco is Washington. promoted by various means, inance Rating Bureau proposed the changes which would lower the cluding a giant parade Saturday afternoon, March 17, with merchants and organizations invited rate in some counties while raising it in others, this county included to have appropriate floats.

The week following the Satur- in the latter. day parade will be designated "Clean-Up Week" in Plymouth and F. Gold said Monday that the proconcerted effort is planned to posal overall would raise premiums rid the community of all unsightly dumps, refuse, and other objectionable matter, to clean up the year. back lots in the business district and prevent littering on the streets on the filing for 10 a. m. February calls being placed. and on business and residential lots. It is hoped that the common Building, Raleigh. sight of loose wind-blown paper creases ranging from 25 cents to and other trash or debris on the street will become a thing of the \$2 for 25 counties, past.

A campaign to rid the neighborhood of rats will also be conducted Gold said the overall effect of the proposal would be an average inin conjunction with the clean-up crease of 6.22 per cent in tobacco project, it was said. This will be handled under supervision of the hail rates. county health department, with the

Everybody is invited, especially ton County during the month of armers and their families, to at-| February, it was announced this tend the Sinclair Farm Show, week by T. D. Somerville, chair at Swain's store in Roper; Skinwhich will be given at the Agri- man of the county Republican execulture Building in Plymouth next cutive committee. These will pre-Tuesday night, February 14, startting at 7:30 p. m. Sponsored by
C. O. Kelly and W. C. Hall, local

24, at the courthouse in Plymouth.

C. D. Kelly and W. C. Hall, local Sinclair distributors, there will be First of the precinct sessions is na Precinct meeting will be held entertainment for all, free door set for Friday night of this week, at the home of Carl Heynen at Weprizes, a cartoon and movies among when Republicans of Plymouth Everything is free, according to Republicans will gather at the May

W. C. Hall, and everyone is invited. flower Restaurant here for a din-The movie deals with power farm ner meeting at 7 o'clock. Follow on March 9, place to be announced ing, and there are some helpful ing the dinner, precinct officials later. The Republican state conclumbia; a half-sister, Mrs. Charles Cooper, with the conclumbia ing the dinner, precinct officials later. The Republican state conclumbia; a half-sister, Mrs. Charles Cooper, with the conclumbia ing the dinner, precinct officials later. The Republican state conclumbia; a half-sister, Mrs. Charles Cooper, with the conclumbia inguity and the conclumbia i erest to farmers of the section. | coming two years.

The proposal would up Washington County's rate 50 cents to See CLEAN-UP, Page 4 \$5 per \$100 of coverage. of Roper; Hubert L. Davenport, of Skinnersville; and Phillip M. Republican Precinct Spruill, of Creswell. Meetings Scheduled

Republican precinct conventions will be held throughout Washing-Precincts Nos. 1 and 2 and Young

nersville Precinct, on Wednesday, February 15, at Bateman's store It was also announced that the

Republican First Congressional District convention would be held Joseph E. Rhodes, of Plymouth; Saturday, March 10.

Captain Frank W. Byrnes, USAF, is shown above congratulating Jesse E. Rawls, post supervisor, following presentation of certificates and wings of the Ground Observer Corps to members of the Roper post at a ceremony held in the school building there Monday night of last week. Others in the photo include Ralph Rawls, observer; A 1/c Glenn H. Campbell, of the Durham Filter Center; Worth Chesson, assistant chief; Charlie Spruill, observer; Cecil Craft, jr., assistant chief; J. R. Swain, assistant chief; N. C. Phelps, assistant chief; T. W. Norman, chief observer; Jack Leary, assistant chief; W. Aubrey Dixon, assistant chief; Mitchiner Banks, assistant chief; and Tony Chesson, observer. Several others not present when the photo were made also received certificates and wings, it was explained.—Staff photo.