THE ROANOKE BEACON AND WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS

Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, March 1, 1956

Proposed \$500,000 School

Bond Issue Listed as Main

Item on Agenda for Mon-

It will be "first Monday" again

nmediately following the upcom-

ing week-end and so three board

meetings are indicated, two of

which are expected to be more or

less routine. The other one-that

of the county commissioners-may

prove to be a more important ses-

The commissioners are expected

again to be confronted with the old

school matter headache of where's

the money coming from with which

to meet the immediate building

mprovement and expansion needs

The county board of education

at its last regular monthly meet

ing, adopted a resolution calling

on the commissioners to vote a

half-million-dollar hand issue for

school building purposes and

lumped it in the commissioners

ollective lap. The latter body

shoved it neatly aside long enough

What action, if any, is taken

by the commissioners Monday is

purely conjectural. But Board

in the county system.

to get up and adjourn.

day Meeting

A home newspaper dedicated to the service of Washington County and its 13,000 people.

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The Plymouth High School con-VOLUME LXVII-NUMBER 9 cert band, 42 strong, appeared on a Washington television station Tuesday afternoon of this week. The program, beginning at 1:30, lasted 45 minutes and included most of the numbers presented in concert at the local high school auditorium that evening.

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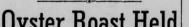
Miss Peggy Darden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Darden, of Plymouth, is one of 74 students who made the dean's list for the fall semester at Meredith College, Raleigh, it was announced Monday by Vera T. Marsh, registrar. Academic requirements for this roll of honor make it necessary for a student to take and pass 12 or more semester hours and earn a number of quality points equal to twice the number of hours taken plus three.

Sp/3 Clarence W. Ange, of the Angetown section, left last weekend for Washington, D. C., after spending a leave with relatives and friends in and near Plymouth. Ange left Washington Tuesday of this week for McGuire Air Force Base, near Trenton, N. J., from where he was to emplane for Thule, Greenland, Air Force Base. While here, Ange told friends that the annual mean temperature at Thule is 15 degrees and that 46 degrees below zero is the coldest weather ever recorded there. On February 6 he said he saw the sun for the first time in three months. He first arrived at Thule (pronounced Tooley) from Fort Eustis, Va., September 8th of last year.

Dr. Heltan McAndrew, clinical psychologist, North Carolina Deleigh, held a psychological clinic at the Washington County Welfare Department offices Tuesday of this week. Four children and one adult were given psychological examinations. The children were accompanied by their mothers. Following the examinations Dr. McAndrew discussed each child case with the respective parents.

Six members of the 175-member Roper Ground Observer Corps recently completed the necessary training to qualify for wings and certificates. The list, released by Post Supervisor Jesse Rawls, in-cludes the following: Oscar C. Trueblood, M. J. Davenport, Paul Barnhill, jr., Tom Woodley, Marvin Hassell and Neil T. Stout.

Five Plymouth Garden Club members plan to attend the Garden Symposium at Williamsburg, Va., next week. The event is under the joint auspices of Colonial Williamsburg Restoration and Flower Grower magazine. Those from here who plan to attend are Mrs. A. Lloyd Owens, Mrs. Lovell Cushing, Mrs. Louise McGowan, Mrs. S. A. Ward, sr., and Mrs. M. L. Nobles. They expect to leave Plymouth Tuesday and return Saturday. The Three From Here party is to be joined in Williams-burg by Mrs. Quentin Gregory, of





SOMETHING NEW: W. C. Chesson is pictured above as he started out Tuesday of last week on his first trip in the new mail truck assigned covering the outlying portions of the town. A similar truck was delivered to Merritt Browning, jr., last Thursday for local delivery of parcel post over a route that ranges up to 25 miles. The new stubby-looking panel trucks are painted in the national colors, red, white and blue, and have a num-ber of innovations, including a stand-up right-hand drive, making it easier to get in and out for fre-quent stops. Both carriers are pleased with their new conveyances, which supplanted private cars used heretofore.—Staff photo.

psychologist, North Carolina De-partment of Public Welfare, Ra-Many Workers Get Four Wrecks Here In Four Days Keep Wage Raises Today \$1 Per Hour New Minimum; Law Does Not Apply To Local Retailers and Serv-Local Retailers and Serv-**Plate Deadline**

Monday of next week is posi-tively the final deadline, the chief declared. Any Plymouth motorist caught driving without the new tag disrJayed will be cubiect to indicate and process subject to indictment and prosecution under an existing town ordinance, it was pointed out. Incidentally, 880 town plates had been sold through Wednesday at 3:30 p. m. Better get those tags, boys; they're only a buck apiece!

another becoming effective January

late Wednesday that it is expected to be the chief item on the agenda. The county board of education **Police Force Busy** Property Damage Runs High for Series

A fairly large number of work ers in this section are due to re-Mrs. Seaton Marriner, of near ceive wage increases effective to-Plymouth, suffered facial cuts, day, March 1, when the legal minibruises about the head, and hand mum wage under the Federal wage and leg abrasions in a two-car and hour law is boosted from 75 wreck here Friday afternoon.

She was treated at Plymouth Clinic and released.

According to the report of local police who investigated, a 11-1 Ford being driven north on Wash- Building, it is announced. ington Street by Mrs. Marriner was Branch Harris, jr., colored, of Mar- stated. tin County.

the first of three graduated raises,

Red Cross Meet Set for Friday

struck by a used car owned by House Chevrolet Company and be-will show a film depicting Red Tuesday, Dr. Phelps expressed his ing driven west on Third Street by Cross disaster work in 1955, it was appreciation to county voters for

An effort will be launched here election two years ago and said The Marriner car overturned to raise a minimum goal of \$2,330, that if he was reelected, he would and came to rest with all four covering chapter requirements of continue to serve the county to the wheels up. The car was said to be a total loss while the other ve-of the \$36,400,000 needed by the Dr. Phelps is the second candi-



40 YEARS: Zebulon Vance Norman, local at-torney, is pictured above in his plymouth office looking over his license to practice law, which was issued to him on February 7, 1916, just a little over 40 years ago. A recognized leader in the legal profession of this section, Mr. Norman was president of the North Carolina State Bar in 1954, is now president of the Washington County Bar Association and has served as president of the Second Judicial District Bar Association. He has also served as county attorney, town attorney, judge of the county recorder's court and represented Washington County in the General Assembly of 1931. In addition, Mr. Norman has held numerous offices in local religious, fraternal and civic organizations besides serving unofficially for many years as "Plymouth's one-man chamber of commerce."—Staff photo. Zebulon Vance Norman, local at-

Clerk J. Robert Campbell stated **Dr. Phelps Files For Representative Post**

Served in General Assembly Last Session for First Time; Files With Board **Elections Tuesday**

Dr. J. M. Phelps, Creswell physician and surgeon who represent A meeting of Red Cross county ed Washington County at the last chapter leaders and others inter- session of the North Carolina Genested in the coming annual Red Cross fund drive will meet Friday this week for reelection, subject night of this week at 8 o'clock in to action if the Democratic prithe auditorium of the Agricult of mary on May 26.

In filing his candidacy with the Howard Ross, of Atlanta, Ga., chairman of the county board of their support in the primaries and

DR. J. M. PHELPS

Rat Poison Will

Parade Saturday, March 17, To Feature at Least Two Bands, Group Told Tues-

day

Another called meeting of town officials, interested merchants and other civic leaders and citizens was held Tuesday afternoon of this week in the interest of "Operation Litterbug."

The meeting, called by Mrs. M. L. Nobles, was held in the banquet room of The Mayflower. Mrs. Nobles, who is active in the sponsoring Plymouth Garden Club, presided and for the benefit of those who did not attend the first such meeting recently explained present plans for the big parade here Sat-urday, March 17 and the subseobservance of Clean-Up quent Week in Plymouth, March 19-24.

Delbert Allen, of Plymouth, who s sanitarian with the Washington-Tyrrell Health Department, was again present and explained that materials and labor have been donated for making bait boxes to be used in the business section for the anti-rodent campaign to be waged simultaneously with other phases of the clean-up operation.

Allen also came up with the suggestion that merchants pool the necessary expense to provide large, fire and cinder-proof incinerators to be placed in the business district, one for the back lot of each block

Problems relating to the collection and removal of garbage and of litter were also discussed at some length. Police Chief P. W. Brown presented to the meeting the problems encountered by town work-men, stating that if each householder and each merchant would see that garbage and litter were properly collected and placed where town truck crews could easily get to them, it would greatly simplify the problem.

He said town workmen now have to go into backyards and carry heavy barrels of garbage to the trucks for emptying, whereas all persons should have regulationsize covered garbage cans and placed the filled cans near the street curb for disposal of garbage. It is understood that written complaints about some citizens not using covers on garbage containers in yards have been received

recently by Mrs. R. Vernon Jeter, chairman of the Garden Club's Litterburg project. Thos. F. Hopkins, president of the near-dormant Plymouth Mer-Be Distributed chants Association, was named by Mrs. Nobles to head a merchants' committee which is to make ar-

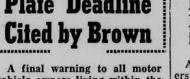
Mrs. Ben Ganderson, Washington

payable to "Heart Association Drive, P. O. Box 621, Plymouth,

Mrs. Ganderson points out that

killer, according to recent statis-

driving, failure to stop at a stop-sign and driving without proper or stop it was pointed out of the national owens, Plymouth attorney, filed Rat poison will be distributed in rangements for a float to be jointly several weeks ago for reelection as Plymouth beginning Monday, March supplied by cooperating merchants Unusual hurricane and flood dis- state senator from the second sen- 12, Sanitarian Delbert Allen an- and to represent them in the March nounced this week. See "LITTERBUG", Page 10 All owners of pets are requested There has been considerable speculation about the office of rep. to keep pets confined for three resentative this year, as it had weeks after bginning date. been rumored that Dr. Phelps was Poison will be put in o Reiterate Appeal Poison will be put in outbuildundecided about offering for redepartment is directed otherwise, Heart Fund Drive election. Former County Representative E. O. Arnold, of Skin- Mr. Allen emphasized.



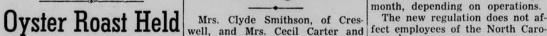
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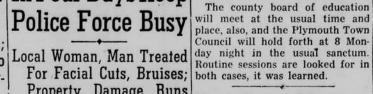
vehicle owners living within the Plymouth town limits who have not displayed 1956 town license plates was issued this week by Police Chief P. W. Brown.

cents to \$1 an hour. It was difficult to get any exact figures as to the number of workers affected in the section, but probably the largest group are several hundred employees of the Atlas Plywood Corporation here, where it was estimated the in-

crease will amount to approximately 10 per cent, or about \$5,000 per nonth. The company anticipated the increase, however, as far back as last September, when it granted

Three From Here At Raleigh Meet





Thursday evening of last week partment were entertained by the Roper firemen at an oyster roast

held at the Roper School cannery. Gavlord home near Roper. distribution for strengthening welfare services in the year ahead. Many Gaylord home near Roper.

Guests included Miller Warren, Plymouth chief; Lawrence Jones, were in attendance. Tom Sanderson, Harry Gurkin, Rankin Ambrose, Nick Ange, Jack

Willoughby, Bud Lovic, Lyman Mayo, Durand Keel, Monroe Turner, Bill Harden, Harry Barnhill, Jack Stubbs and Jimmy Kitchengs.

Special guests were J. C. Knowles and L. E. Hassell, jr., both of Roper.

Host firemen present were Jack Leary, chief; T. W. Norman, Ray Brinkley, Hawood Davenport, Mit- region, chell Nowarah, Cecil Craft, Jesse Rawls, W. E. Marrow, Mitchiner Eugenia R. Babylon, regional di-Banks, A. R. Hooker, Henry Ever. rector, states. ette, Aubrey Dixon, Robert Sawyer

and Worth Chesson. Everybody said it was a wonderful affair; it must'a been,

to open a gaping hole.

Mrs. Ursula Spruill, of Plymouth, lina Pulp Company, as that firm For Local Firemen Mrs. Ursula Spruill, of Plymouth, Ina Pulp Company, as that firm has a minimum wage considerably Friday in an all-day meeting held in excess of the \$1 per hour pro-

in Raleigh of members of county vided by the law. Neither does it boards of public welfare and of affect employees of the True Temmembers of the Plymouth Fire De-boards of county commissioners. per Corporation, according to Man-Held at the invitation of the State reason.

Board of Public Welfare, the meet-It is thought that many sawmill The event was staged as a friendly ing considered responsibilities of and logwoods workers in the secgesture of appreciation for the help county boards of public welfare, tion will benefit from the new law, given by the Plymouth firemen at legislative objectives, and suggest as timber producers generally have been paying about 75 cents per hour heretofore. Those whose county superintendents of public products are used in interstate welfare as well as board members commerce are now required to pay

the new minimum of \$1 per hour. The wage and hour law also requires timeand-a-half pay for hours Being Added To Library worked in excess of 40 hours per week, and this overtime requirement remains the same under the

Many new books are being added new law, according to Frank continually to both bookmobiles Crane, state labor commissioner. operating in the Pettigrew Library The new minimum does not ap-

All persons are urged to support their library and the bookmobiles

and to offer suggestions and criticism, Mrs. Babylon states.

Tug Goes Down After Hitting Log Tuesday

region as well as to the shelves of See WORKERS, Page 10 the respective libraries in the embracing Washington, Tyrrell and Chowan Counties, Mrs. Post Strength at **Roper Totals 175**

Roper Ground Observer Corps post strength is now up to 175,

Jesse Rawls, post supervisor, announced this week. If all members cooperate, Mr. Rawls pointed out, it is now possible to man the post continuously

Since the start of the present 'Operation Skywatch," the super-

The tugboat Southern Craft III, | The captain and crew of three visor added, the post has signed owned by J. L. Horner, of Plym-outh, sank in about 12 feet of pumps, Keech said, but to no avail. off a total of only four hours, 57 minutes. The second sign-off perwater at the mouth of Roanoke The boat went down quickly, only iod was observed this week when River at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday, it is the mast and inches of the cabin the post observation tower was not manned for 3 3/4 hours. top remaining above water.

reported. J. A. Keech, of Belhaven, cap- All hands escaped to the barge The full report for the week's tain of the boat, told a Beacon re-porter that the tug was en route to by a Mengel Corp. boat from Eliza-leased as follows:

N. C. Pulp Company with a loaded beth City which was immediately February 20-80 observers, 54 barge. At the No. 18 marker, he behind the Southern Craft, Keech man-hours, 20 calls, 25 planes; 21 said, the barge sucked up a sub-merged pulpwood log which was subsequently caught by the pro-peller and thrown against the hull over. of the tugboat with sufficient force The loss is partly covered by in- man-hours, 249 calls, 323 planes

surance, it is understood. sighted.

organiation, it was pointed out. brakes. He was tried in recorder's court here Tuesday of this week, asters last year increased the need atorial district. found guilty as charged, and fined on the national level tremendous-

See WRECKS, Page 5 ly, officials add.

> nersville Township, was in town The anti-rodent campaign here is last week-end and indicated that in conjunction with the general County chairman of the Heart clean-up activity which includes Fund drive, stated this week that he was thinking of filing for the office again.

> "Operation Litterburg" and the all persons who have not yet re-Dr. Phelps won the Democratic beautifcation project completed by sponded to the appeal and who denomination two years ago in the the Plymouth Garden Club with sire to do so should make check second primary after finishing sec- the assistance of the Town. ond in a three-way contest in the

first primary. Ben A. Sumner of Town Gets New Garbage Plymouth and Mr. Arnold were the other two candidates. In the first primary the vote was Arnold 827 Phelps 645, and Sumner 340. Calling for a second primary, Dr

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Several matters were agreed

upon at a meeting of the staff of

Pettigrew Regional Library, held

at the Shepherd Memorial Library in Edenton last Wednesday night.

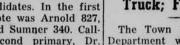
The policy to counteract the

problem of overdue books was dis-

cussed and it was agreed to send

out notice or telephone when a book is three or four days overdue

Library Staff in



Truck; Fleet Numbers 4 heart disease is the nation's No. 1 The Town of Plymouth Street tics, and that everyone has the op-

Department wil lhave its truck portunity to help in the co. stant fleet increased by one, effective search for ways to effectively com-next week, Police Chief P. W. bat this menace to health and life.

Brown stated yesterday. Meet Last Week

The county chairman said 500 Brown said a used truck would letters were mailed out to county be brought back from Raleigh citizens recently and that some Thursday (today) and after being have responded with donations. It repaired would be placed in serv- is hoped that others who would ice next week to increase the num- like to contribute to the worthy

ber of trucks used in garbage and cause will do so at once, Mrs. Gantrash collection to four. derson added.

N. C.

County Clubs Make Plans for 4-H Week

Next week has been designated If the book is not returned within a few days another notice will be given and if no response is forthcoming it will be assumed the book is lost and a bill for the amount the library paid for the book will

Books are loaned, it was brought out, for one or two-week periods,

monthly staff meetings.

and junior clubs are slated at Plym- ized in the county shortly after Miss Harriet Leary, Mrs. C. E. outh, Roper and Creswell, while a W. H. Pruden assumed his duties Ayers, Mrs. Ruth Reynolds, Mrs. joint meeting of the three senior as county agent here four years Verdie Alexander, Mrs. F. Bryan clubs is slated Thursday night of ago. It has grown until now the Harris, and Mrs. Eugenia R. Baby next week at Roper, the announce- total club membership in the counment states. ty stands at about 350 or more.

be mailed.

It is planned to have regular girls and beys, respectively.

Present Wednesday night were

There are eight clubs in the National 4-H Club Week and county — elementary, junior and senior clubs at Plymouth and at serve the occasion with four recreational meetings, Assistant County Agent J. L. Outlaw and Mrs. girls valuable training for later ac-Projects which afford boys and

Frances M. Darden, home agent, tivities are carried by members of announce. Mrs. Darden and Mr. all clubs and accurate records are Outlaw supervise the 4-H club kept which provide a basis for

work in Washington County among much analysis and informative study, it is pointed out. Local meetings of elementary The 4-H Club work was organ-

ed without cost.

AWARDS: Mike Estep (left) received the most valuable player award and Tommy Hooker (right) received the sportsmanship trophy awarded annually to members of the Plymouth High School football team. The presentations were made at a chapel program at the high school here Wednesday of last week by the Rev. Paul B. Nickens (center), local Baptist minister, after members of the football squad had chosen the recipients by secret ballot. The most valuable player trophy was donated by Womble's Drug Store, while The Roanoke Beacon contributes the sportsmanship trophy. Estep was tailback for the local team last season, while Hooker held down one of the tackle spots.—Staff photo. and two-week books may be renew-