week as nightly temperatures dip-

ped to the low 30's. Strong winds Saturday and hurricane-like weather Wednesday had many guessing. The waters of the Roanoke were both high and rough here vesterday. One newcomer from the Southwest was reported to complain that the spring and summer here were "too d-n short."

Mrs. W. V. Gaylord, Mrs. Annie

Davenport, H. S. Everett, Mitchi-

ner Banks and 21 Roper Future Homemakers of America girls had

quite a trip last week-end. Traveling on the Roper High School ac-

tivity bus the group left Roper

early Friday morning and went to

Mebane wher they toured a mat-

tress factory, went to Burlington and toured a textile mill, journey

ed on to Winston-Salem and saw

Bowman Gray Hospital and toured then ont to Raleigh where they spent the night at the Youth Cen-

ter at the State Fairgrounds. They

attended the state FHA convention

in Raleigh Saturday and returned

home by way of Wilson where the

group stopped to visit a former

Roper resident, Charles Davenport.

organizations have reported letters

mailed to the county commissioners

commending the action on the

school bond issue: Rotary Club,

Lions Club, Junior Chamber of

Commerce and Parent-Teacher As-

Federal and state income tax-

payers have an extra day in

which to file their returns this year, due to the 15th falling on

Sunday. According to the tax

collectors, there will be no penal-

ty if returns are postmarked not later than midnight April 16th,

Thursday of this week is Halifax

Day and is being observed as a

state holiday by both Plymouth

banks and the various state offices.

of Mrs. Stewart Phelps, of Plymouth, had a long trip ahead of him

when he left here Tuesday after

spending a couple of weeks with

his mother. He was returning to

Travis Air Force Base near San

Francisco, Calif., where he is stat-

ioned. Driving his car alone, he ex-

pected to reach the base by Sun-

According to special orders pub-lished recently at Riverside Mili-tary Academy, of Gainesville, Ga., Cadet Neal Carter, son of Mr. and

Mrs. T. C. Carter of Plymouth, has

advanced to the grade of corporal

in the Riverside Corps of Cadets

Cadet Carter's promotion is based

Training School here became his

members and 26 second-year men

Raleigh, deputy fire marshal.

H. Peele, all of Farm Life;

Airman 2/c Gerald Bowen, son

which is next Monday.

Officials of the following local

to the service of Washington

VOLUME LXVII—NUMBER 15 and on the lips of most people this

Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, April 12, 1956



This photo shows four of the local leaders in the April drive for funds with which to fight cancer. Reading from left to right are shown discussing campaign plans Mrs. Borden Kornegay, the publicity chairman; Mrs. Harry E. Browning, commander of the Washington County chapter, American Cancer Society; Dr. A. Papineau, consulting physician for the chapter; and Mrs. Ed Craft, county campaign chairman. Not shown are Miss Elizabeth Wood, chairman of the executive committee; Aubrey Liverman, treasurer; Mrs. Oliver Lucas, co-treasurer; and Ed Craft, Educational chairman.—Staff photo.

# Officials for Primary Civil Court Term Appointed by Board Winds Up With 11

# No Blue Mold Seen in Beds

Treating of tobacco plant beds against blue mold and anthracnose is general over the county and the disease has not been noted here, County Agent W. H.

Pruden reported yesterday.

Blue mold has been reported as close as Craven County, however, the county agent warned. Weather conditions for the past several days have been ideal for development and spread of blue mold, so preventative treatment is indicated. Two treatments a week are recommended, and a third if rains wash off previous treatments. See the county agent

# Fire School Here See TOPICS, Page 5 Safety Dinners To See TOPICS, Page 5 Safety Dinners To See TOPICS, Page 5 Safety Dinners To See TOPICS, Page 5 Safety Dinners To See TOPICS, Page 5 Safety Dinners To See TOPICS, Page 5 Safety Dinners To Sa on superior military, academic and 32 Certificates for Safety Dinners To

tory last Friday night with certificates going to six first-year class Attend

Fire Departments at Roper, Co-A series of three safety dinners lumbia, Edenton, Farm Life, Washington and Plymouth were has been scheduled for employees represented in the total enrollment of the North Carolina Pulp Company, it was announced this week by the plant management. They are Instructors for the school were Captain Otis Dowdy, Drill and Per. being given by the company in apsonnel director, Charlotte Fire De- preciation for the safety record partment, and Sherman Pickard, made by employees in the period August 1, 1955, to March 23, 1956, during which time 1,608,029 man-Certificates were issued as folhours were worked without a lost-

time accident. First-Year Class-Herman Hook-All the dinners will be held at er, Plymouth; W. A. Dixon, Roper; A. H. Willis, jr., Washington; Dalthe mill and will start at 6 p. m., vin Spencer, judges of election; las Griffin, Roland Griffin and W. on the Fridays designated for various departments and shift work-Second-Year Class—H. O. Lovic,
M. E. Turner, G. R. Leggett, jr.,
I. M. Warren, Bill Harden, John
Lilly, William T. Hopkins, C. E. ers. It is hoped that every employee in the plant will attend one of

First of the dinners is scheduled Bowen, L. D. Jones, Thomas San Friday, April 27, for the following: derson, Nick Ange, E. D. Keel, J. Shifts of O. Rodgers, B. M. Lilley Willoughby, Harry Barnhill, and M. Davenport; shifts of W. R. Harry Gurkin and Rankin Am- McCombs, W. W. Hardison and E. brose, all of Plymouth; Sidney W. Ricks; day workers in the labora-Spruill, J. S. Leary, T. W. Norman, tory, meter shop, finishing, electri-M. B. Wallace, N. Worth Chesson cal shop, utility mechanics, chlorand Alva R. Hooker, all of Roper; ine, store room, general mainten-Robert A. Johnson, Abner Harrell, ance and garage departments. both of Columbia; Al Owens and T. A. Goodman, both of Edenton.

See SAFETY, Page 10

# Meeting Here Friday For Peanut Farmers

An important meeting for pea-been learned about peanut produc-nut growers of the county will be tion in the last five years than in held Friday of this week at the the previous 50. "These new prac-Agriculture Building, County Agent tices can increase your peanut in-W. H. Pruden announces. Time of come tremendously," he declared, "if you put the practices into efthe meeting is 8 p. m.

Dr. A. D. Stuart, peanut specia- feet." list with the Extension Service, Peanuts offer one of the best will discuss new developments in means of increasing farm income, all phases of production. Dr. R. P. Mr. Pruden opined. He produced Moore, with the Experiment Sta- figures to show that an increase tion, will discuss seed stocks and in per acre average yield from the stands, and Joe Sugg, executive 1215-pound average of 1954 in the secretary, N. C. Peanut Growers county to 1500 pounds would mean Association, will describe action on \$84,000 to the county economy with peanuts averaging 12 cents a the legislative front.

Pruden stated that more has pound

Members Take Oath of Office and Perfect Organization at Meeting Here Saturday Morning

Members of Washington County's new board of elections met and were sworn in Saturday by Clerk and J. R. Carr as secretary. M. W. the court records as follows: Spruill is the other member. All The lands involved were

The registrar in each precinct will be at the usual polling place from 9 a. m. to sunset April 28, nify defendant on account of dam-

The second annual Fireman's raining School here became his-One Week Apart in Order and on the ballots, except where lesses and that the countries be Hunter on the committee That All Employees May Those without opposition will be paid half by the plaintiffs and half officially certified as nominees of by the defendant.

fices to which they aspire. appointed last Saturday, the last tion. Z. V. Norman was appointed name in each instance being the commissioner of the court to exe-Republican judge of election;

judges of election;

All the dinners will be held at the company barbeque pit back of the company barbeque pit back of vin Spencer, judges of election:

Lees Min — Mrs. 1. W. Norman, of deed from control to the company barbeque pit back of vin Spencer, judges of election:

be cancelled by the register of Bill Comer and Delmar C. Owens. Skinnersville - Brownie Good deeds and new certificates issued man, registrar; Delbert Patrick to N. F. Paul covering said lands. and Louis Bateman, judges of

trar; T. H. Rosenthal and Carl Heynen, judges of election.

#### Legion Post Here Will Elect Officers Friday

New officers will be elected at the regular meeting of James E. Jethro Post No. 164 of the American Legion to be held at the Vet-erans Building Friday night, The meeting is scheduled to be-

are urged to be present.

# SAFETY -BOXSCORE-

Starting over on March 24, after an accident occurred the previous day, employees of the North Carolina Pulp Company here, up to Monday of this week, had worked the following number of manhours without a losttime accident:

118.615

# **Actions Continued**

Consent Judgment Entered ion; N. F. Paul Adjudged Owner of Lands

The consent judgment in the case of E. L. and A. L. Owens vs. of Court W. T. Stillman. W. T. W. O. Winslow in Superior Court Freeman was reelected chairman here last week is summed up from

The lands involved were dethree men are veteran members of scribed and it was adjudged that the defendant has no right, title Registration books for the regis- and interest therein; it was further ration of those who have qualified adjudged that the defendant is not since the last election by residence liable to plaintiffs on account of or by reaching the legal voting any alleged trespass upon and reage of 21 will be opened Saturday, moval of timber from the lands de-April 28, and will close at sunset scribed, and that the plaintiffs recover nothing thereof:

It was further adjudged that bond given by plaintiffs to indem-

mr. Walker is the only new members and that the court costs ther than the aforesaid items be aid half by the plaintiffs and half

their respective parties for the of-fices to which they aspire.

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The case of N. F. Paul vs. C. H. Neece, the plaintiff was adjudged owner of the lands in questions. cute a deed or transfer covering Plymouth Precinct No. 1-Don G. the tracts of land to N. F. Paul, Davis, registrar; W. C. Styons, and plaintiff, and that defendant is re- wards, Joseph H. Phelps, George in the primary and general elector for and no school system can be Hospital after a brief illness. She Dallas Waters, judges of election; quired to amend his certificate of Plymouth Precinct No. 2—Mrs. title to said tracts to Z. V. Norman Miss Harriet Bray, Ronda Lee Dav-Ot Tom Darden, registrar; Clarence in order that the certificates may enport, W. E. Marrow, Mrs. H. S. whom no opposition is expected in During the talk, the speaker Spruill and T. D. Somerville, be surrendered to the register of Everett, Mrs. W. R. Brinkley, Mrs. clude W. Ronald Gaylord, judge mentioned that one school in Lenudges of election; deeds upon filing for registration Lees Mill — Mrs. T. W. Norman, of deed from commensioners to N. F. strong, Miss Sandra Marrow, Billy Blount Rodman, solicitor of recordbe cancelled by the register of

The register of deeds was directed to issue certificate of title to Scuppernong — John Combs, registrar; Mrs. Virginia Davenport and Louis Spruill, judges of elections. N. F. Paul free and clear of option or contract executed by C. H. Neese to G. H. Manning and Had-N. F. Paul free and clear of option

> Certain changes in figures were See COURT, Page 10

# Two Hurt in Mail Truck Collision

Two men were injured in a mail truck-ACL switching engine collision at the Monroe Street crossing Thursday morning (today) at 7:10 gin at 8 o'clock and all members o'clock. An estimated \$1,000 damage resulted to the truck.

A. A. Cooke and E. L. Lassiter, both mail clerks, are the injured men. Driver of the truck, F. L Williams, escaped unhurt. Lassiter was badly bruised and shaken up and was admitted to Washington County Hospital here. Cooke was treated and released. About eight sutures were required to close head cuts, it was reported.

The truck's gas tank was leaking and the fire alarm was sounded the local department responding and standing by with equipment, but no fire resulted.

The mail truck was headed for the local post office at the time of the accident. The men on the truck work out of Rocky Mount.

Action Taken at Meeting Monday Night; Portable Three Roper Students Fogging Equipment To Be Receive FHA Awards

Members of the Plymouth Town of other matters at their monthly J. Riddle presided with all members of the council in attendance.

Dr. R. Vernon Jeter, on behalf of the Sea Scouts, asked for permission to locate a marine railway at the foot of Monroe Street on the river, stating that the scouts would carry liability insurance to protect the town against any claims that might arise. While no formal action was taken on the request, it was indicated that city officials had no objections provided adequate pre cautions were taken and the street was not blocked.

The representative of a Charotte firm demonstrated a bazookatype portable fogging machine, which the council later ordered purchased. Weighing less than 20 pounds, the machine can be used in swampy areas around the town to lessen the annoyance of mosquitoes and other insect pests. Cost of the equipment was \$289.50, and the motion to buy it was carried

After the records were searched, onsent Judgment Entered it was found that the town already had an ordinance prohibiting air rifles to be fired inside the city limits. The police department was given orders to enforce it, as the result of complaints about damage being done by air rifles in the hands of children in several sec- didacy. The filing deadline for

There was some discussion about noon Saturday of this week. street repairs and various other matters. Most of the street work is to be taken care of when the sale facing program gets underway here within a few weeks, it was plymouth Township. A. R. Latham, incumbent, filed for renomination

#### Howell Heads Scou. Troop Committee Here

Reregistration of Boy Scout Troop No. 284 here has been completed, according to announcement from officials of the sponsoring organization - Plymouth Junior

# 16 Observers Qualify

Observers completing their training for wings and certificates at Roper Ground Observer Corps post recently were listed by Post Super visor Jesse E. Rawls as A. J. Ed-

# Air Rifles Banned By Town Council; Buy Fog Machine Studied by School Board

**Several Candidates** 

File; Deadline Near

Coming Democratic Primary With Candidacy of Jack Williams

No Calls in May

For Local Board

Three members of the Roper| Council purchased a portable fog- Future Homemakers of America unanimously voted the award. ging machine, ordered enforcement chapter received the State Homeof an ordinance outlawing air rifles maker Award at the FHA meeting in town and discussed a number in Raleigh last Saturday, while Mitchiner Banks, vocational agricul-

> receive an honorary award. basis of work done in remodeling munity. the Roper FFA department, coas the type of person to whom stu- ing previous teaching experience

Another Race Assured in!

With the deadline for filing

apidly approaching, the interest

in politics began to warm up a bit

here this week, according to W. T.

Freeman, chairman of the county

Through Wednesday of this week

15 persons had filed notice of can-

the coming Democratic Primary is

Another new contest developed

late Saturday when Jack Wililams,

J. R. Campbell, register of deeds

and W. A. Everett, constable of

Lees Mill Township, Monday; W.

Blount Rodman, solicitor of record-

er's court, and Sidney Hassell,

Washington County Board of Edu-

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BARBECUE: Firemen, instructors and invited guests sat down to a barbecue dinner in the Plymouth Fire Station last Friday night marking the successful conclusion of the second annual Firemen's Training School, sponsored by the Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department. Seated at the lead table above, left to right, are Captain Otis Dowdy, personnel director of the Charlotte Fire Department, one of the instructors; Miller Warren, chief of the Plymouth department and master of ceremonies at the dinner; Sherman Pickard, deputy fire marshal of Raleigh, another instructor; Curtis Flanagan of Farmville, secretary of the North Carolina Firemen's Association, principal speaker; P. W. Brown, Plymouth police chief; and Mayor A. J. Riddle of Plymouth, who made the address of welcome.—Staff photo.

cation, Wednesday.

board of elections.

Skiles: Patricia Hassell, daughter meeting Monday night. Mayor A. ture teacher at Roper High School, of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Hassell; nation became effective at the was the only man in the state to and Teresa Peele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Peele-received The Roper chapter recommend- their awards for leadership in recommendations of a special sured Banks for the award on the home economics, school and com-

Mr. Banks, a graduate of N. C. operation in FFA Rally and in sup- State College, joined the Roper plying needed transportation, and High School faculty in 1947 followdents can readily go with their at Chowan High School and a tour

#### Additions at Roper, Creswell and New High School Plant in Plymouth Members of the Washington County Board of Education had a

Recommends Bond Issue for

busy session Monday. A new mem-The three girls-Jackie Skiles, ber was sworn in, J. W. Norman of daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Plymouth was elected chairman to succeed L. E. Hassell, whose resigmeeting, and there was a lengthy discussion about the report and vey committee which recently made a study of school needs in the county. Full text of the committee's report and recommendations appear on the first page of the second section of this issue of The Beacon.

The board also disposed of several routine matters and approved the county school budget for the next fiscal year. Chairman L. E. Hassell presided until after the election of Mr. Norman as chairnan. Mr. Hassell resigned during the past month on account of his health and his resignation became effective Monday. His son, Sidney J. Hassell, was recently appointed

to fill the unexpired term by the County Democratic executive com-mittee, and the young man took the oath of office from Superior Court Clerk W. T. Stillman at the session Monday.

The school budget for next year calls for a total outlay of \$73,641, just about the same as for the previous year. Of this amount \$57,-171.67 is to come from county funds, with the remainder coming from other sources, principally state and federal aid for certain teaching positions. The total budget includes current operating ex-penses and capital outlay, the latter amounting to about \$7,600. It was

members, the group came to Wash-

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Held Wednesday

Mrs. Davenport was a native and

#### adopted by unanimous vote. No action was taken on the survey committee's report and recom-Schools Better, mendations except a resolution of thanks for its work. However, most of the recommendations in regard to new buildings are about the same as the board of education had previously favored following their

Needs" at Tuesday Meeting of School Group

"Citizens everywhere must nov

cancy. The term has two years to run and since a primary comes up in the meantime Mr. Freeman said it was in order that he should be voted on countywide to fill the For Wings, Roper Post part term remaining after the com- among the top 15 states in increas- ating were L. M. Ambrose, of Cresng session of the State legislature. ed enrollment. Listing many of the well, R. L. Gardiner and John Mar-No opposition has yet developed problems currently being encount tin. Burial was in the church cemefor Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge and P. B. Belanga, other members of the five-member board of education for declared, "No town or five-member board of education the school system the local doctor declared, "No town or late Bruce Davenport, died at 6 p. whose positions will be voted on than its people are willing to work m. Sunday at Washington County better than the community at had been in declining health for Others who have filed and for large.

#### No induction and pre-induction calls for registrants of Selective Service Board No. 95 here will be made during the month of

Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board clerk, stated yesterday she had received such information from

state Selective Service head-People Can Make

## PTA Meet Told Dr. E. W. Furgurson Speaks On "Meeting Our School

The survey committee was appointed by the state board of education at the request of county school officials. Composed of three

accept the responsibility of making the schools as good as they **Davenport Rites** want thef to be," Dr. E. W. Fur-gurson told his audience at the PTA meeting here Tuesday.

the past two years. lifelong resident of the county, born April 17, 1888, daughter of

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# the late Frank and Annie Crad-dock Phelps. She was a member of Zion's Chapel Church of Christ, She leaves six step-daughters, Mrs. Bernice Burdine, of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Mildred Phelps, of Cres-well, Mrs. Shirley Bafford, of Bal-timore, Md., Mrs. Ida Bright and Mrs. Effie Rodgerson, both of Elm City, and Mrs. Inez Morton, of Roanoke, Va.; one step-son, Bruce Davenport, of Norfolk; a sister, M.s. Lena Alexander, of Roper; a brother, L. L. Phelps, of Roper; and one half-sister, Mrs. Clara Mae Harris, of Roanoke Rapids. Bailey Will Head Plymouth Jaycees

### Carl L. Bailey, jr., is the new president of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Bailey, a young attorney, has

done yeoman service for the club in drawing up new constitution and by-laws and incorporation papers, was elected to head the club for the coming year at a meeting here Friday night. Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, chairman of the Nominating committee, conducted the election

Other officers elected were Walter Furlong, first vice-president; Jack House, second vice-president; E. C. Pollard, secretary; Jim Lindler, treasurer; Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, state director; John Lilly, Billy Blackburn, Walton Swain and Charles Walker, directors; Ralph Basnight, sergeant-at-arms.