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### Five County Races To Be Decided Saturday

ter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Norris of Plymouth, represented Bosie Bateman Post No. 4023, Veterans of Foreign Wars, as one of the princesses who reigned over the North Carolina marbles tournament held at Elizabeth City last week-end. Eighteen VFW posts were represented by princesses at the event which is sponsored by the VFW each year. It was the first year that the local post had been represented. Gary Jenkins, 12, of Lincolnton emerged as marbles champion, while Vicki Miller of Elkin was crowned queen of the tournament Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Norris accompanied Nel-da to Elizabeth City.

Among those receiving degrees at East Carolina College, Greenville, Monday morning were several students from Washington County. The finals speaker at exercises held in Wright auditorium on the college campus was Dr. D. Hiden Ramsey of Asheville, chairman of the North Carolina Board of Higher Education, whose topic was, Speak a Good Word for Educa-tion." Washington County students receiving degrees were listed as follows: M. A .- Booster Tex Lindsey, Plymouth; B. S.-Lee Victor Landing, Albert Louis Singleton Donald Basnight Freeman and Alice Harris Pierce, all of Plyn outh: Jean Davenport Alexander and Helen Alexander Ambrose, both of Creswell; and Francis Ray Spencer, Roper.

Mrs. L. B. Doodbury, the former Miss Matilda Swain of Mackeys, has returned to Washington, D. C., after visiting a number of relatives in the county, including Mrs. N. G. Polls Will Open Chesson and Mrs. O. A. Chesson of Roper, and J. L. Swain, fo Plym-outh. Mrs. Woodbury is joining her husband, Colonel Woodbury, who will leave Washington around June 1 for a two-year assignment as military attache to Viet Nam, with headquarters in Saigon.

Carl L. Bailey, sr., Plymouth attorney, was elcted president of the Second Judicial District Bar at the meeting of the group held Friday evening at Roanoke Country Club, Williamston. Other officers include Charles H. Manning, Williamston, vice president; John A. Wilkinson, Washington, secretary - treasurer; and Paul R. Waters, Washington, Ned P. Everett, Robersonville, W. M. Darden, Plymouth, W. S. Woodley, Columbia, and George M. Davis of Swanquarter, members of the executive committee. Attorney General W. B. Rodman addressed the meeting. Resolutions honoring the memory of the late Hallet S. Ward of Washington were adopted.

have to do their week-end stocking up before Saturday. The Democratic Primary is slated Saturday and the law requires that ABC stores be closed on all election days. Patrons of the two stores are asked to please note.

W. D. (Sonny) Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Walker of Plymouth, returned to Greenville



Creswell physician, is the incumbent and both of his opponents are for representative. Dr. J. M. Phelps (left), (Bill) Woolard (center), Plymouth furniture man, served in the 1951 and 1953 legislatures; while E. O. Arnold (right), Skinnersville farmer, served at the 1949 session. Main interest of Washington County Democrats in Sat-

Finals Start Tonight Crop Measuring Is At High School Here To Start in County This Week Start of the grounds at a reasonable price, from Belmont, just outside of **Class Night Exercises Set** 

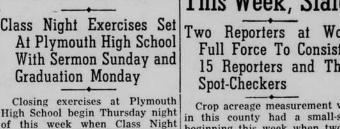
## At 6:30 Saturday

Voters in the primary Satur-day of this week will have exactly 12 hours in which to cast their ballots. The polls open at 6:30 in the morning and close at 6:30 that evening. Registrars and judges of election are required to report to polling places at 6 a. m., in order to prepare the booths and arrange the voting space.

Remember: Polls close promptly at 6:30 p. m. Polling places in the county are as follows: Plymouth No. 1, courthouse; Plymouth No. 2, high school building; Lees Mill, community building in Roper; Skinnersville, Goodman's store at the Y; Scuppernong, tax collector's office in Creswell; Wenona, resi-dence of H. J. Furbee. B. W. Ham.



Dr. Leon W. Jenkins of East



exercises will be held, followed by the commencement sermon Sunday night and the graduation exercises Monday night. All programs will perience. be presented in the school auditorium and begin at 8 o'clock.

Programs in the finals series re announced as follows: Class Night exercises, "Footprints and Time." Laura Jo Quinn, Miss Miriam Ausbon, county class president; Mable Hardison,

historian; Billy Waters, statisticleen Somerville, prophetess; Lynn get the job done. Magee, giftorian; Phil Ange, testator; Carol June Windom, lyric lord Swain, county compliance su-composer; all other seniors. Pianist, pervisor, Fred Davenport of Plym-and swine management. Each spot-checker will have super-Commencement sermon: Proces-

Commencement sermon: Proces-sional, "God of Our Father"; Doxo-logy, congregation: Invocation, the Reporters this year will be re-the farmers." Bill Thompson of Rev. J. R. Soloky; Hymn, "Come, quired to visit every field, regard- Washington County will tell of his Almighty King," congrega-Scripture reading, the Rev. less of whether it is planted to a Scripture reading, the Rev. less of whether it is planted to a Scripture reading, the Rev. less of whether it is planted to a Scripture reading, the Rev. less of whether it is planted to a Scripture reading, the Rev. less of whether it is planted to a Scripture reading, the Rev. less of whether it is planted to a Scripture reading, the Rev. less of whether it is planted to a Scripture reading, the Rev. less of whether it is planted to a Scripture reading, the Rev. less of whether it is planted to a Scripture reading, the Rev. less of whether it is planted to a Scripture reading, the Rev. less of whether it is planted to a Scripture reading, the Rev. less of whether it is planted to a Scripture reading, the Rev. less of whether it is planted to a Scripture reading, the Rev. less of whether it is planted to a Scripture reading scripture script Thou Almighty King," congregation; Scripture reading, the Rev. Crop under acreage anotherit con Paul B. Nickens; Anthems, glee club; Prayer, the Rev. C. N. Bar-growing on the land. Sid Hassell, also of washington County will explain, "why I Bought Another Silo;" Warren Watson of Hyde will tell how he nette; introduction of minister, the Rev. R. L. Combs; sermon, the Rev. Mrs. Carlton Phelps

nette; introduction of minister, the Rev. R. L. Combs; sermon, the Rev. Archie G. McKee, minister, First of rotometer operators. Other oper-Swain of Tyrrell, will report on

# All-Day Program at Tide-

water Research Station To Open at 9:30 A. M.; Sam Dobson in Charge

Several hundred eastern North gram.

Successful livestock farmers and three for commissioner of labor experiment station scientists will and two for United States Senator. share the job of reporting new research results and how they have three opponents for the office he been applied. Dobson said. The program will begin at 9:30 the Charlotte region. Harry P. m. and with a break for lunch Stokely and Tom Sawyer are food This Week, Stated it was announced. Dr. R. L. Lovvor

will launch the program with short will be required to name the nomi talks at 9:30 a.m.

in this county had a small-scale sion and Experiment Station work- Farm Bureau official, is best beginning this week when two re- ers will begin at 10 o'clock. Dur- known and is regarded as likely to porters, Joseph Collins and Sher-ing the morning farmers will see be the leader. Luther E. Barn wood Chesson, both of Roper, be-gan work. Both have had past ex-age at different drainage depths, be top man in the Piedmont

The huge task is expected to be tackled full-scale by the first of June. Deadline for completion of of potash) on Ladino clover and Umstead, has gained a lot of potash) on Eddino clover and Umstead, has gained a lot of potash) on Eddino clover and Umstead, has gained a lot of the political matrix and p and observe the results of using region. Kidd Brewer, of Raleigh, all measurement of allotment crop acreage in the county is June 30. Beedings of Ladino and tall fescue. Beadings of Ladino and tall fescue. During the afternoon, they will be a contender. Gurney P. Hood, ASC office manager, stated Wed-nesday that 15 reporters and three tle and a hay-making and silo-the state, has a lot of strength in ian; Lynda Harrell, poetess; Kath- spot-checkers will be employed to filling demonstration, and hear dis- the west. J. V. Whitfield, a former et the job done. Spot-checkers will be J. Whit- production, grain fieding, pas- tate senator from the southeast

Watson of Hyde will tell how he



Total of 18 Candidates in STATE SENATOR Running of Six Offices on State Ballot; Four Seek To Be Governor

Although there are 18 candidates for six offices on the state Carolina farmers are expected ballot to be voted on by county here Thursday of this week to at-Democrats in the primary Saturtend the Forage and Livestock day, there is very little visible in-Field Day at nearby Tidewater Re- terest so far in this section. There search Station, according to Sam are four candidates for governor, Dobson, extension agronomy spec- five for lieutenant governor, two ialist, who is in charge of the pro- for commissioner of agriculture, two for commissioner of insurance.

Governor Luther H. Hodges has now holds. All three of them from

Charlotte. It is generally believed Dr. R. L. Lovvorn, director of that Hodges will run far ahead of agricultural research at State Col- the others combined in this section, Two Reporters at Work; lege, J. L. Rea, superintendent of although it is understood Sawyer Full Force To Consist of 15 Reporters and Three Division of Research Stations, State Department of Agriculture, Division of Research Stations, by Barbard State Department of Agriculture, by Barbard

Crop acreage measurement work Field trips conducted by exten- wards, of Hookerton, a former

Total receipts fell somewhat be-

outh and Frank Spencer of Roper. The final portion of the pro- agriculture, L. Y. "Stag" Ballengram will be devoted to a general tine of Raleigh, is considered well See STATE BALLOT, Page 8

> **Creswell Finals** Start on Friday

Final exercises at Creswell High chool open Friday night of this Archie G. McKee, minister, First Or Leon W. Jenkins of East Carolina College, Green-ville, To Give Commence-will dross with diverse the diverse the diverse the diverse of the candidates have built answer the question, "Will Dairy and Beef Pay in Tidewater North Carolina?" Final exercises at Creswell High School open Friday night of this built answer the question, "Will program in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock. The school soft and 1955 sele-\$1. Bulk of offerings graded med-ium, with 294; choice, 181; and good, 180. There were 134 animals grading common, 90 culls, 12 year-ors and operators began Monday

County Ballot Lists 12 Candidates for Five Offices; Three in Contest For Representative

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A light vote is expected to be cast in Washington County Saturday, when Democrats go to the polls to choose nominees for township, county, district and state offices. While there are five contests on the county ballot, one of them applies only to Plymouth Township and another is for district Senator, so there are really only three county-wide races to be decided.

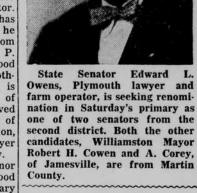
There are also six contests for state officers, with a total of 18 candidates involved; but despite all this, inteerst has been remarkably low in politics this year in this section, although the vote may be surprising in view of the little talk heard so far. Observers generally believe that not more than 2,000 votes will be cast, and some predict no more than 1,600.

There are no Republican candidates for any of the county offices, and no contests among Republicans for state and district offices. so Republicans will have no part in the primary in this county this will be required to name the nomi-nee. In this section, Alonzo C. Ed- Lamb Sale Totals year. This also means that Demo-cratic nominees for county offices

Over \$12,000 Here; Republicans in the general election next fall. 913 Animals Sold In all, there are 12 candidates for five offices on the county ballot. There are three candidates for Number of Animals Offered andidates for county representaand Total Receipts Some- tive; two for solicitor of the county what Below Those of of the board of education from

Scuppernong Township; and two candidates for county commissioner from Plymouth Township. Only Total receipts fell somewhat be-low those of last year at the lamb pool held in Pivr outh Tuesday of this weel faces sing to figures re-leased by the county agent's office Probably the county the term of the county ballot on the other four.

here. The event was held at the drawn most attention is that for representative, with three candidates in the field. Dr. J. M. Phelps, ago, while receipts totaled \$12,- Creswell physician, is the incum ago, while receipts totaled \$12,-614.81 as against \$13,991.01 at last He is opposed by two former representatives, E. O. Arnold of Skinthe top price of \$26.50 per hund-redweight for choice lambs, which W. J. Woolard, Plymouth furniture



Last Year's Sale

A total of 913 animals was of-

fered, as compared with 989 a year

Bright side of the picture was

topped last year's high of \$24.50.

to serve as a marshal at the graduation exercises of the college, held Monday of this week in Wright auditorium. Sonny recently completed his third year at the Greenville school.

#### **Relief Program Is Terminated Here**

The Surplus Commodity program

A joint meeting of local screening committees, the board of county commissioners, welfare board and county agent was held here Tuesday night at which time it was the program

decided to terminate the program. International view will be in-The program, it was explained, was a temporary measure designed to relieve distress through the winter months brought on by the hurricanes of last fall. Surplus food items were distributed at regular

items were distributed at regular intervals to needy families, the The cost

be used as lane for the vehicle ror and horn.

which will be on an entirely volun- tional Safety Council.

peak number on the rolls being

safety check to be conducted Mon-

has served its purpose.

ment Address

ist, Beulah Cratch. Graduation exercises: Procession- and are being held every day this

The commencement program at Roper High School will be con-cluded Friday night of this week. Dr. Leo W. Jenkins of East Caro-tatory, Jessie Harrison; introduct-500 acres of aloltment crops to be

for relief of distressed persons has been discontinued in this county. Mr. Hood. The program will open and Circumstance." with the processional, "Pomp and

Edward M. Spruill, minister of diplomas Monday night.

this week, sponsored by the Ameri-

The commencement program can Legion Auxiliary. opened at the school Sunday night The little red artificial flowers,

It was felt that since the farm-ing season has opened more work is available and that the program

The poppies will be on sale here See Roper, Page 8

all day Saturday with unpaid volunteers in charge of sales. They

Vehicle Safety Check will receive contributions for the auixiliary's work for disabled vet-erans and needy children. No set price is charged for the poppies, and all contributions will be cheer-Set Here Next Week

The poppies will be the crepe paper replicas of the wild poppies

which grow "between the crosses, row on row" in the World War I

Millions of the little flowers are expected to be worn by Americans

tary basis. The safety lane will be in operation from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. both days, it was said. All motorists of this vicinity are urged to take advantage of the op-portunity to have vehicles checked duce accidents since about 10 per morning where she gave examinafor various mechanical defects. Included in the check will be chanical failures of one kind or Spruill, county welfare superinbrakes, front and rear lights, steer- another.

tend, reports.

ers and operators began Monday

House Trailer, Fruit Stand

There are 46 members of the ance," Miss Ausbon declared, "due A washing machine was the only Pinner Smithson will give the vale- quarter. Circumstance," by Elgar. The Rev. graduating class who will receive to our new photographs which item saved, according to the rewere flown March 3, 1955. port.

The second in the series of finals lings, 11 ewes, 5 shorn lambs,

events will take place Sunday at 8 old crop and 2 rams. House Trailer, Fruit Stand Burns Friday Near Sound be reached by H. D. ment sermon will be preached by the Rev. James A. Evans, minister be preached by the Rev. James A. Evans A. Eva A house trailer and a vacant of the Free Will Baptist Church, Raleigh. Two shipments

A house trailer and a vacant fruit stand near Albemarle Sound the commencement address, spec-ial awards will be presented by Principal T. A. Hood, and R. F. Lowry, superintendent of Wash-diplomas to the graduates. Dr. Jenkins will be presented by Mr. Hood. The program will open Hopen Mr. Hood. The program will open Mr. Houd. The program will o

County agents in surrounding Diplomas will go to 30 seniors. counties cooperated



**PLYMOUTH:** The senior class at Plymouth High School this year is the largest in recent years, number-ing 51. Forty-seven of them are pictured above on the steps of the high school building. Left to right, they are as follows: Kathleen Somerville, Lynn Magee, Laura Jo Quinn, Burnham, Marguerite Latham, Betty Jane Leary; second row: Gail Lewis, Jolene Hollowell, Beulah Cratch, Nellie Stotesbury, Ann Rogerson, Melba Peed, Helen Manning, Faye Phelps, Joyce Baker, Lynda Harrell, Sue Lassiter, Emily Waters, Alva Rose Hardison; third row: Jessie Harrison, George Jackson, Carol Ange, George Brannon, Tommy Hooker, Tommy Ragland, Tex Benton, Harvey Lucas, Billy Reuben Turner, Billy Ray Arnold, Ralph Luke, Andy Smith, Bill Riddick, Durwood Boyd. Absent when the photo was made were Mike Estep, Phil Ange, Linda Lipscomb and Jimmy Sitterson.—Staff photo.

**Bread Sale Here** Nets Over \$400;

Indebted Regional Bank By 100 Pints

The Jaycees' bread sale, conduct-ed Thursday night for the benefit of the Red Cross fund, netted \$407.33, officials report.

Average contribution per loaf for the various solicitors ranged from 59.6 cents to \$1.09. The list of solicitors, total loa es sold and amount of money collected by each was released as follows:

James Boyce, 56 loaves, \$61; Ralph Hunter, 48 loaves, \$40; Ralph Basnight, 75 loaves, \$81.25; Carl Bashight, 75 loaves, \$81.25; Carl Bailey, jr., 65 loaves, \$48.54; Jack House, jr., 55 loaves, 62.88; Joe Peele, 73 loaves, \$65.33; Walton Swain, 54 loaves, \$32.11; Billy Blackburn, 61 loaves, \$55.57.

Sufficient money was realized from the sale to wipe out the Red Cross fund deficit and protect the local blood bank program insofar as the financial side of the picture is concerned, Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, bread sale chairman, stated. The remaining problem, he said, is to clear up a blood deficit. Dr. Whitehurst, who is also

county Red Cross chapter chairman, said the local blood bank is indebted to the Tidewater Regional Blood Bank in the amount of 100 pints of blood. The quota for the next quarterly visit of the bloodmobile to Plymouth June 20 is 100 pints, so 200 donors are needed to put the local program on an even footing, it was explain-

Dr. Whitehurst expressed deep appreciation to all who helped make the bread sale a success. workers and contributors, as well as the various church groups who contributed to help relieve the Red Cross fund deficit.

The block on East Water Street ing, tires, exhaust system, glass, from Adams to Madison Street will windshield wipers, rear view mir-Belgium.

D. Mallory announced today. Mallory and H. N. Stephenson will be in charge of the project mittee, Look Magazine and the Naon Poppy Day this year, it was said.

battle cemeteries of France and The project here is part of a day and Tuesday of next week, J. nationwide program being sponsor-