State Highway Patrolman W. N

Murphy, who has been assigned to

Roper, is one of 70 recruits who began a 12-week training course

at Chapel Hill Monday. A new subject is being introduced at the course, it was said—a course in driving. "It seems as though a pa-

trol candidate would know how to drive," a patrol official was quoted as saying, "but they will make certain that he's an expert driver.' The school is conducted by the Institute of Government at the Uni-

The Rev. R. L. Combs, popular young minister of Plymouth Pres-

byterian Church, and his family are away on vacation. They are spend-

ing the first week of a two-week

vacation at Atlantic Beach and will

spend the second week visiting their parents in Moresville and

China Grove. Mr. Combs will be

guest speaker at First Presbyter-

ian Church, Huntersville, Sunday

and their two children are now in

the Azores, where Sergeant Jack-

son is stationed at a U. S. Air

Force Base. Mrs. Jackson is the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H.

Rosenthal of Wenona. They have

been living at Greenville, S. C.

where Sergeant Jackson was sta

ioned until about a month ago, when he was assigned to new duties with a MATS supply squad-

Dick Norman of Miami, Fla., was on the streets Monday and Tues-

quaintances. Dick arrived in Plym-

outh Sunday for a brief stay, hav-

ing flown from Miami to Florence,

S. C., where he took a train. Dick's

family has been visiting in the

county for sometime and they re-

turned with him Wednesday. Dick

is now a pilot for a Southeastern

Friends of Lue Read were glad

to see him about on the streets

this week, walking with the aid o

a cane. Lue is making good pro

gress and has discarded his walk-

ing aid now. He stated this week

that he hope soon to be back "on

Mr. and Mrs. W. Frith Winslow arrived home Tuesday of this

week after having spent the month

of July in Canada, Nova Scotia, Maine and Massachusetts. Their daughter, Miss Ellen Winslow, who

Mr. and Mrs. Winslow left Nova

Maine. While away Mr. Winslow

spent much of his time painting,

particularly at Peggy's Cove, near Halifax, Nova Scotia, which is quite an art colony and favorite

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Initiate 40 New Members

Horner is governor of the lodge.

Principal J. S. Fleming, back

building here daily until the open-

ing of school in order to render

Mr. Fleming is quite concerned

about the six teaching vacancies in the local school. The school

earned three additional teachers

during the past term and there

ing a total of six vacancies. The

ed in the elementary grades.

Principal Opens

eday of this week renewing old ac-

ron in the Azores.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. D. R. Jackson

versity of North Carolina.

THE ROANOKE BEACON

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Last Friday was the biggest day of the season thus far for green produce market. W. T. Freeman, one of the market operators, said over 2,000 baskets were received and brought the growers about \$1 per basket. Quality of the crop being sold here was said to be good, some of the peppers grading "fancy." Photo at top left shows the peppers going into the cleaning and graing machine, while the above photo shows how the peppers are taken from the moving belt and packed into baskets. Below right shows part of the 2,000 baskets received Friday stacked in the warehouse here. Deliveries were said to have been light during the first part of this week but are expected to pick up Friday.—Staff photos.

# Filling Farm Agent's Vacancy Is Delayed

### **Tomatoes What** Am, Eh Wot?

J. Robert Campbell, Washington County register of deeds, is a gardener with a green thumb.

This week Mr. Campbell was showing pictures of himself and Mrs. Campbell standing near his tomato vines which have been measured at 7 feet, two inches. Mr. Campbell also has some rank cucumber vines which grow up on a trellis. He believes in or-ganic gardening and always saves leaves and grass for composting.

### **County Growers** Report Rather is traveling in Europe expects to arrive home about September 10th. Poor Leaf Sale Scotia Wednesday of last week and visited friends at Cape Ann, Mass., after touring through the state of

Few Tobacco Growers Get Average of About 40 dorsing former cour Hays for the post. Cents at Statesboro, Ga., Monday

A load of about 40,000 pounds of Forty new members were initited into the Plymouth Moose tin County leaf was carried down

A load of about 40,000 pounds of Washington County and East Martin County leaf was carried down

Mr. Piland further stated that

at the Veterans Building conduct-W. T. Freeman and J. L. Knowles Messrs. Freeman and Knowles ed by the degree team from the newly-organized lodge here to well over 100, it is understood. Jack

Thursday which averaged better of and built is understood. Jack returned to Plymouth late Tuesover 100, it is understood. Jack Thursday which averaged better ed and built up to the point where tary) Thornton Smith; (Washingthan opening day in 1955.

Government grades seemed to be lower than a year ago, it was trict contest in forage crop demonsaid. Also, some of the lugs had strations. This, he said, shows that been pulled too early with the re-Office at School sult that the quality was poor.

as 40 cents a pound, it was said. County growers who sent tobacco to the Georgia market includ-ed W. H. Marslender and Elbert clared. "Consequently, we place from a vacation trip this week, announced yesterday that he would be in his office at the high school Tarkington, Paul Hardison, Lewis Styons, John West, George Phelps, work.' L. L. Mizell, W. T. Freeman, J. L. Knowles, Bob Harden, Emery Modany service possible to patrons of lin, Bill Harden, Bennett Ambrose C. M. Barber, Roy Simpson, C. C. Craddock, J. W. Allen, J. H. Rid- Hays come back on the job. dick and John Davenport.

#### have been three resignations, leav-Mrs. Laura S. Johnston vacancies are sections of the third.

fourth, seventh and eighth grades; while the high school needs a outh sailed from New York Wedscience and an English-math teachnesday morning of this week on commissioners and let them know the British steamship "Queen Eliz- their reaction regarding a new Mr. Fleming said total enrollment at the school here was 1,098 abeth" for a six-week trip to county agent. The board made it last term, and he expects about Europe. She is going first to Salz-clear that they did not suggest a same number at the start of burg and Vienna, in Austria, to at-delegation but that they desire school this year. High school en- tend the Mozart bi-centennial fes- that the farmers let their commisrollment is expected to be around tival. Later she plans to go over sioners know prior to the next 250 to 275, with 825 to 850 expect to Edinburgh, Scotland, for the music festival in that city.

Eastern District Agent Attends Special Meeting of Commissioners Here on Monday

This week there appeared little ikelihood that the vacancy cre ated by the resignation of County Agent W. H. Pruden will be filled before September.

A man for the job has not yet

been agreed upon by the Exten-sion Service and the Washington Eastern District Extension Agent John E. Piland of Smithfield said it would probably be 30 days after such agreement before the new agent assumed the office

A special meeting of the com-

ment was not in a position to go funds. along with the recommendation of A be along with the recommendation of the commissioners June 22, en-dorsing former county agent W. H. passed so that no legal objections

County tobacco growers who sold considerable tobacco at Statesboro, Ga., Monday of this week are sales to be a received rather poor sales Into Plymouth Moose Lodge to have received rather poor sales. years no county agent has been em-

Lodge at ceremonies Monday night to the Georgia marget Saturday by under Mr. Hays there was no record of boys' 4-H Club work in this county, while during the past four there are now 182 members. Also, a county team recently won a disa great deal of progress has been made in 4-H Club work in the coun-A few growers averaged as high ty in the short space of four years. We believe very much in the training and the future develop very much emphasis on 4-H Club

> Some of the board members expressed their regret that Hays (Creswell High School) Charlie would not be accepted and said Purnell and Agnes Cahoon; (Plymthat a large number of farmers outh Elementary School) Sheldon Chesson, Goldie Simpson, David had expressed their desire to see Bowser and Lillian Bowser; (Wash-

Commissioner J. C. Knowles of Marion D. Mitchell; (Creswell Ele-Roper, seconded by Commissioner Leaves on European Trip A. R. Latham, that Mr. Phand meet again with the board on August 13 Mrs. Laura S. Johnston of Plymthe farmers in the county are

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# Board Acts Upon School Matters Here on Monday

Amended Resolution Concerning Funds for School Construction Unanimously Passed

The Washington County Board of Education, in session here Monday unanimously passed an amende resolution requesting the Washing missioners was held Monday in an ton County commissioners to pro-effort to clarify the situation. Mr. vide funds in the amount of \$500, Piland and County Representative 000 for the purpose of constructing Dr. J. M. Phelps were present.

Mr. Piland stated that he was sorry that the Agriculture DepartFinance Act, to raise the required

might be raised in the future.

The payment of the salaries o

and custodians was approved: School bus drivers (Plymouth)-Bobby Nooney, Paul Jethro, Henry Turner, Garland Bowen, Harley Furbee and Billy Harden; (Roper) Thomas Sawyer, Billy Spruill, Mar-vin Sawyer, Willie Furlough, Rob-by Tarkenton and Luther Freeman; (Creswell) Lonnell Davenport, Frank Furlough, Carl B. Tarkenton, Dean Hufton, Madeline Patton County Union) Robert Louis Hedgebeth, Tyrone Woodley, Jas-per Fuller, Thomas Norman, Wally Simpson, Robert Bennett, John Dance, James McCray, Teddy Johnon, Roland White, Roscoe Hudson and Harold Barkley; (Creswell Elementary) Robert Halsey and Mary Norman.

Custodians and maids - (Plymouth High School) Lee Cola Spruill, Lawrence McNair and Helen Jean ette; (Roper High School) Milton Downing and Ella Jane Downing; ington County Union School) Rich It was decided on motion of ard B. Nixon, Ella M. Watson and mentary School) Granville Rhines and Alice Wrighton

#### at 8 p. m. During the meantime Scout Troop No. 383 Spends Week-End in Hyde County

Mississippian Buys Roper Holdings sored by First Christian Church.

### Janitor Instructed To Mow Grass on Library Lawn

The Washington County Board of Commissioners, in special session here Monday of this week, in-

### No Inquest in **Bridge Death**

Washington County Coroner Jack Horner ruled accidental drawning in the deaht of Hattie Mac Williams, 24-year-old Merry Hill colored woman whose body was recovered from Albemarle Sound at 10:45 a. m. Monday. Horner deemed an inquest into the death unnecessary.

The Williams woman was one of seven passengers in a car which halted on the bridge late Saturday night to change a tire. The car was struck by another ve icle driven by a Marine from the ton. The Williams woulan' shoes were found on the bridge. Horner said.

# Furgurson Named To Head Vaccine force at the pulp plant, or approximately 1,000 employees. Five locals affiliated with four international

President of Tri - County gency Polio Program

of the Martin-Washington-Tyrrell County Medical Society, announced appointment of Dr. E. W. Furgur son of Plymouth as chairman of the society's polio vaccine committee in Washington County to supervise the program designed to bring the polio vaccine to all children and young people through 19 years

The immunization program will be two-fold, the committee chair man said:

1. Physicians will continue to noculate patients in their own of-

2. Free public clinics, using vac cine provided by the State Board of Health, will be established at strategic locations in the county. "Many children, young people

and expectant mothers in Washington County are as yet unpro tected against paralytic polio," Dr. Furgurson stated. "We are now approaching the

eason of greatest polio incidence and it is imperative that as many county residents as possible receive the vaccine immediately."

The vaccinations are necessary for protection in the polio season, Alphonzo Cox on a camping trip shots will be given two weeks The program was launched on a

of second-class scouting, a five mile ciety of the State of North Caro hike and cooking, which were pass- lina, after figures were released ed by all. Fishing was also enjoyed showing that only about one-third during the trip. Scouts in the party of the eligible individuals in the Dr. Papineau declared,

potential seriousness of the situation. It is now a fact that the vaccine is safe and effective. Thirty million individuals have been vaccinated and it has proven to be one of the safest vaccines now in

All the doctors in the area are ready to vaccinate those through their offices, or the health depart ment clinics are available as one chooses, Dr. Papineau said.

# Get Instructions for Extra General Election Sept. 8th

### **Cooler Temperatures** Prevail for Few Days

A welcome respite from plus-90-, were 65 and 53 degrees, respect-

Following days of humid weather with high readings in the Monday's highreading was 82 de-

grees, according to weather rec-ords kept at Tidewater Research Frid Station near here. Tuesday high was one degree hotter at 83. Sunday's high reading was 87 degrees and the low reading 70 degrees. Monday and Tuesday low readings

degree temperatures was enjoyed ively. Many persons got out blanklong while

ed by a rain and electrical storm of last week through Tuesday; Sunday night.

of last week through Tuesday; special session of the General Assembly last week. The election is

Friday-(same order) 91, 68; Saturday-94, 66; Sunday-87, 70: Monday-82, 65; 1.23 inches pre

# Meetings to Consider New Labor Contract

Set for N. C. Pulp Co. Employees Last Night and Tonight; Negotiations in Progress for Past Week

Contract negotiations are nov nderway between representatives of organized labor and the management of the North Carolina Pulp Company, with no definite decisions reached up to noon yeserday, according to unofficial reports. It is understood that pro-gress reports were to be submitted to the membership of local unions involved at meetings scheduled for ast night and tonight.

Anniversary date of the old conract was July 31, but it remains in effect until negotiations for a new contract are completed or until an impasse is reached. In the past, terms of any new contract negoti-ated after the anniversary date are made retroactive to the expiration

Negotiations now in progress affect practically the entire working Mr. Piland said it is a policy in employing county agents to get men with college agriculture training and that according to Mr. Hays'

The payment of the salaries of teachers and principals on the 25th of each month was approved.

The following list of bus drivers drivers and that according to Mr. Hays'

The following list of bus drivers drivers and principals on the 25th of each month was approved.

The following list of bus drivers are matter with little during the meaning and that according to Mr. Hays' Workers, are conducting separate negotiations, while four other lo-Medical Society Makes cals affiliated with three international unions are negotiating jointtional unions are negotiating joint-

> E. M. Leavitt, general superin-J. Darby, directo day for the emergency polio vac- the North Carolina Pulp Company sound at 10:45 a. m. Monday, accine program in Washington Coun- in the conferences held during the cording to State Highway Patrolpast week. Employees were represented by committees from the fol- ed the accident. lowing locals conducting joint negotiations: Locals 356 and 605, International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers: Cherry River Local No. 423, International Brotherhood of Paper Makers; and Local 415, Interna- Hill were passengers. tional Union of Operating Engin-

Lewis E. Price of Plymouth international representative of the father made the statement that he pulp and sulphite workers; John tried to get the woman not to go H. O'Brien, jr., of Richmond, Va., on the trip but that she told him is international representative of she was going but was not coming the paper makers; and Paul Askew, back. of Norfolk, Va., is international A 1946 Ford operated by Odell representative of the operating en Riddick of Merry Hill had stopped gineers. International representative of the electrical workers, con-said. The other car, driven by ducting separate negotiations, is Roger Fredrickson of the Edenton Henry Adair, of Charlotte.

According to reports, the com- ing north on NC 32 at a rapid rate pany says it is offering a contract of speed when it struck the parkcontaining the same general terms ed vehicle. prevailing in other southern kraft paper mills. Some differences have developed in the preliminary conferences, and union representa-, ton Marine Base, were admitted to tives were to submit their reports an Edenton hospital. All three reto employee meetings set for Wednesday and Thursday nights of this

# Back From Trip

Principal and Mrs. J. S. Fleming and son, Jimmy, returned to Plymouth Monday after a two-week vacacity water tank is expected when the council it was brought out that

They made the trip by car as 'Aztec Eagle," to the Mexican cap- the water softener system. ital city. The train trip required 26 It is not known whether the hours going to Mexico City, which council plans to enter into a con- about \$180,000 gallons of water per has an 8,000-foot elevation, but the tract Monday night, but it is ex- day, it has been stated. age 19 and prenatal patients in downhill return trip required only pected that means of raising the 24 hours. It was Jimmy's first train necessary funds for securing the oughly enjoyed it.

### Wettest July In Six Years

The month just ended was the wettest July in Washington County since 1950.

Total precipitation for July 1956 in the county was 8.74 inches according to information obtained from the weather station at Tidewater Research Station between Plymouth and Roper. In July of 1950 the total rainfall for the month in the county was 12.65 inches, it was stated.

### One Dead, Three Hurt in Eridge Wreck on Sunday

Body of Young Colored Woman Recovered From Al-Morning

One person is dead and three thers hospitalized with injuries following a two-car wreck on the Albemarle Sound Bridge at 12:15 same as in former years. a. m. Sunday.

24-year-old colored woman of Mer-the voters at the September 8 Plans were anonunced here to- of industrial relations, represented ry Hill, was recovered from the election. First is the special session man Carl Gilchrist who investigat-

Gilchrist said it has been surmised that the Williams woman jumped off the bridge shortly be fore a 1956 Ford plowed into the parked car in which she and several other Negroes from Merry The patrolman said his investi

gation had disclosed that no one saw the woman jump. He said her

Marine Base, was reportedly travel-

Fredrickson and two passengers with him, Robert E. Jordan and Gary H. Duchesne, all of the Edenceived abrasions and it was also

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Registration Books Open On Saturday, August 11; Registrars and Polling Places Same as Last May

terday by W. T. Freeman, chairman of the Washington County Board of Elections, for holding the Complete high and low readings extra general election on Saturday, 90's the air was cooled and clear- and precipitation from Thursday September 8, as ordered by the degrees, low; .07 of an inch precipi- to be held for voting on the special session's school amendment to the state constitution, as well as the regular 1955 session's constitutional amendments.

Mr. Freeman immediately gave notice that the registration period for the general election will begin Saturday of next week, August 11, and continue through Saturday, August 25. Saturday, September 1, will be challenge day, with the election falling one week later, on Saturday, September 8.

It is emphasized that no special registration is required for voting in the extra general election September 8. Those who have previously registered and voted in county elections will not have to reg-ister again, unless they have moved from one precinct to another since. The registration period is primarily for those who have come of age or otherwise become eligible to vote since the last election, for those who have moved into a new

The county chairman said registrars and polling places will be the same as they were in the primary last May. Registrars are required to be at polling places each Saturday during the registration period, and qualified voters may register on other days during that time at the residence or place of business of the registrars.

Registrars and polling places in Washington County are as follows: Washington County are as follows:
Plymouth Precinct No. 1, Mrs.
James H. Ward, polling place is
the courthouse; Plymouth No. 2,
Mrs. Tom Darden, Plymouth High
School Building; Lees Mill, Mrs. T.
W. Norman, Roper Community
Building; Wenona, H. J. Furbee,
H. J. Furbee's residence; Skinnersville, Delbert Patrick, Goodman's
store: Scupperpage John Combe

store; Scuppernong, John Combs, bemarle Sound Monday tax collector's office in Creswell. Since the September 8 election is a general election, absentee voting will be permitted, the state board of elections has advised Mr. Freeman. Rules for obtaining and casting absentee ballots will be the

Four proposed constitutional The body of Hattie Mae Williams, amendments will be submitted to school amendment, which reads as follows: For or against "Constitutional amendment authorizing education expense grants for private education and authorizing local vote to suspend local schools."

Regular session amedments read as follows: (1) For or against "allowing limited necessary compensation of members of the General Assembly"; (2) for or against "changing the time for convening the General Assembly from January to February"; and (3) for or against "authorizing married woman to exercise powers of attorney conferred upon her by her hus-

#### Dr. Jeter To Speak Here at on the bridge to fix a flat, it was Presbyterian Church Sunday

Dr. R. Vernon Jeter will deliver the lay message at Plymouth Presbyterian Church Sunday in the absence of the church minister, the Rev. Robert L. Combs, who is away on vacation.

Dr. Jeter will speak on the topic, "Christian Motherhood."

D. Marvin Weaver will be in charge of the order of service for the worship, it is announced.

The public is cordially invited.

# Council Will Discuss To Mexico City Water Tank Monday

tion trip that carried them through the Plymouth City Council holds the town needs a tank of 250,000a number of southern States into its regular monthly meeting at the

Tentative estimates indicate that far as Laredo, Texas, and at that total cost of the 250,000-gallon tank tion. It was estimated then that point they took one of the Mexican will be about \$60,000, or \$60,000 National Railway's deluxe trains, plus the cost of the foundation and and a water softener possibly an

estimates reviewed.

Texas and from there to Mexico

Municipal Building Monday night

Time of the meeting is 8 o'clock.

Time of the meeting is 8 o'clock. which is not in very good condithe tank would cost about \$48,000 additional \$6,000.

At present, the town is using

Other business to come before the town body Monday night is exride, incidentally, and he thor- new tank will be discussed and the pected to be of a routine nature, it

#### who, it is understood, operates a found on the property. The revenue stamps had not been ed and engaged in building woods lumber mill in Mississippi One deed from John L. Roper attached this week and there was roads, surveying and laying off Lumber Company conveyed the no indication as to the amount of tracts of tree farms, etc. The old Roper House, all fixtures and the transaction. Attorneys who re- Dwight Corporation joined in the structed the janitor to mow the

personal property, and the

Another from Roper

Three deeds were recently re-| Company conveyed the mill site, | corded here transferring owner- logging equipment and machinery Lumber Company date back almost ship of considerable property in used in operating the mill. this county.

for the property, it was said.

70 years in this county. The firm A third deed conveyed "all of brought a boom to Roper and vi-Grantee in each instance was Sam Broadhead of Meridian, Miss., whatsoever name or nature" to be cinity years ago. In recent years the Dwight Corporation was form quainted with Broadhead's plans ber Company and Roper Milling ton County Library, beginning this

corded the transfer were not ac- transfers with John L. Roper Lum- grass on the lawn at the Washing-

last week-end as they accompanied it was pointed out. In the emer Scout leaders Harold Whitley and gency program this summer the

to Scranton in Hyde County. The apart. group spent Friday and Saturday camping out and took two events statewide basis by the Medical So included Eddie Oilver, Tommie state had received the vaccine. Gurganus, Logan Womble, Stan Brewer, Connie Cox, Jim Williams, is an apparent apathy on the part and Ed Womble. The troop is spon- of parents who do not realize the