turn home late Friday, it was said.

planning. Mr. Bragg, before com-

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Act To Improve

Jesse Rawls, chairman of the

session begins on September 5.

of the local troop committee.

spoke the invocation.

Christian Service.

reported this week.

A barbecued chicken dinner was

Final Figures on

The annual Cancer fund-raising

the American Cancer Society is or-

Miss Elizabeth Wood, chairman

Papineau, consulting physician

chairman; Aubrey Liverman, secre

tary; Mrs. Oliver Lucas, treasurer

Washington County Schools, and Milton Basnight and John Dupree who hold like positions in Tyrrell and Bertie Counties, respectively, will leave early Tuesday morning of next week for Mars Hill where they will attend the Superintendents' conference at Mars Hill College Tuesday through Friday. Mr. Lowry will appear on the program at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday as one of the interrogators on the panel: Review of Action of the Special Session. The group will re-Henry J. Bragg, work unit conservationist with the Washington County Soil Conservation Service office here, is expected to be back on the job Monday of next week following completion of a special training course at Athens, Ga. Mr. Bragg has been away about six weeks attending the course in farm

> Although a great deal of work remains to be done, members of Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, A. F. & A. M., hope to occupy their new temple in January of next year, when the lease on their present meeting place ires. This picture shows the shell of the new temple, located at the corner of Andrew Jackson and expires. This picture shows the shell of the new temple, located at the corner of Andrew Jackson and Third Street. Local Masons have already spent about \$10,000 on the lot and building, besides doing a lot of work themselves, and more than \$5,000 will be needed to finish the interior. The building is 40 by 70 feet overall, and the second floor lodge hall will be 38 by 53 feet. It is expected to be one of the nicest Masonic structures in this section when completed.—Staff photo.

Rodman is a staff officer with the rank of major. He expects to return to Plymouth Sunday, August Council Favors Plan Roper Ruritans Lieutenant Tom Brown, of the State Highway Patrol, visited friends in Plymouth 70.

August 15th Is **ACP** Deadline

Deadline for signing up to take part in the county Agricultural Conservation Practices is Wednesday of next week, according to ASC county office manager Miriam Ausbon.

The sign-up period for ACP began Wednesday of last week. Practices include establishing permanent pasture, open-ditch drainage, winter cover crops (vetch, crimson clover, ryegrass, oats, rye, wheat and barley), and farm ponds.

Opposed To Any

Spokesmen Tell U.S. Tariff

T. Reynold Spruill, reporter for the tank. Carver of Edenton Within the Washington County Farm Bunut growers to recent action in somewhere around \$60,000, includtheir behalf by spokesmen for the ing a filtering or water-softener North Carolina and Virginia Farm system. He also said approximately Bureaus.

> fied last week that the U. S. Tariff After a site is selected, the founda Commission should reject any pro- tion must be poured and allowed to tas set on peanuts in 1953.

Virginia Farm Bureau, Will Rog-ers, organization director of the stated, as this was indicated even ed June 30, circulation in individ-North Carolina Farm Bureau, and before the recent steel strike. Dr. A. L. Grizzard, chairman of the peanut committee of Virginia tank may be located at the site of Farm Bureau, appeared before the the well drilled a couple of years commission. In their testimony that year. The estimated produc- Extended just beyond the county tion this year is 235,000 tons of hospital. The new well is 185 feet August 1, 1956, is 116 million was said. The old tank will be re pounds. With this carryover and the early harvest of Virginia-type peanuts in Georgia domestic de mands will be sufficiently met, it to the commission that to import Virginia-type peanuts at this time would adversely affect the price of peanuts when the North Carolina

Also Include Water Softener; Greenville Firm To Do Engineering; Cost Will Be

Council decided Monday night at their regular August meeting to go ahead with construction of a new 250,000-gallon water tank here. They employed a firm of consulting town and the project has proved School Building; Lees Mill, Mrs. T. their regular August meeting to go 250,000-gallon water tank here. engineers, Rivers and Rivers, of quite popular. Greenville, to do all the engineer ing work and supervise constructcent of the total cost.

Hunter of the second ward; J. D. Mallory and C. B. Holliday of the Roper High School grounds. Hird ward.

Jesse Rawls, chairman of the

Commission Domestic De nesday to start on the water tank to the meeting that his committee mands Can Be Met at project. Surveys and tests must be is in process of raising additional made to decide on a location and funds in order that the project to bdis will be sought from a number erect floodlights at the school can of firms for actual construction of be completed before the 1956-57

10 months or a year would be re-Farm Bureau spokesmen testi- quired to complete the project posed increase in the import quo- "set-up" for two to three months before the tank can be built. There H. G. Blalock, president of the may also be some difficulty in ob-

Town officials think the new ago, provided the ground there is they pointed out that 1.7 million found suitable for the foundation. pounds import quota was set in The new well is located on the 1953 and the amount was imported right side of Washington Street Virginia-type peanuts and the car- deep and has a flow of approxiryover of government stocks as of mately 400 gallons per minute, it

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mands will be sufficiently met, it was also pointed out Board Here Fixes Teacher Pay Date

In a brief meeting here Monday the Washington County Board of the American Cand Education voted to set the 25th of ganized as follows: the month as a fixed date for payment of teachers' salaries in the of the executive committee; Dr. A

ounty school system. day passed an amended resolution volunteer solicitors and divisional

The meeting Monday of this who in any way contributed to the success of the campaign. struction before the deadline, it

was explained. All members of the board were Davenport, L. S. Bateman, Rupert present Monday as follows: J. W. James E. Jethro Post, No. 164, Frital office arrangements here. We have the scuppernong — Samuel O. Ca-Trowbridge, both of Plymouth; Siderans Building. Commander P. W. and it is quite likely that one of

Remain Open Until August 25; No New Registration Required; Election Is on Constitutional Changes

Registration books will open Saturday morning of this week for the extra general election to be held in North Carolina on Saturday, August 25, with registrars required to be at polling places each Saturday, and qualified voters may register on other days during the period at the residences or places of business of the registrars. The September 8 election was

ordered by the recent special session of the legislature for voting on the school amendment to the onstitution, as well as the regular 1955 session's constitutional amend ments.

It is emphasized that no special registration is required for voting in the extra general election on September 8. Those who have pre viously registered and voted in county elections will not be required to register again, unless they have moved from one precinct to another. The registration period s primarily for those who have Roadside Park | become qualified to vote since | last election or for those who have moved into a new precinct. W. T. Freeman, chairman of the

Club Votes To Whitewash Washington County Board of Elec Trees Near Picnic Tables, tions, has announced that registrars and polling places will be the same Erect Suitable Ruritan as they were for the primary last

Registrars and polling places in Washington County are as follows: The Roper Ruritan Club has Plymouth Precinct No. 1, Mrs. established a small park with sev-At the regular club meeting Building; Wenona, H. J. Furbee Thursday night action was taken H. J. Furbee's residence; Skinnersion of the tank at a fee of 6 per to further improve the park. Ap-ville, Delbert Patrick, Goodman's proval was given for whitewashing store; Scuppernong, John Combs the trees where the tables are lo- tax collector's office in Creswell

Since the September 8 election is a general election, absentee vot in will be permitted, the state It was also voted to erect a suitboard of elections has advised Mr.

To Relocate in County, Thought

President Gleaves Expresses fice Can Be Found in of July. Plymouth-Roper Area

Dwight Corporation has just sold ing of the club at which time the charter will be presented to the 75,000 acres of land in Hyde Countroop. Aubrey Dixon is chairman ty to Sam Broadhead of Meridian, Mississippi, according to Charles L. Following the business session Gleaves, president of Dwight Corporation. Mr. Broadhead has been the Rev. Leon Ross, minister of the Roper Methodist Charge, talked to in the timber business in the Misthe club about cooperation between sissippi delta area for many years, the service clubs and the local and at one time operated 11 sawmills employing more than 1,000 The meeting was held in the people. In recent years he has addbasement of Roper Methodist ed oil prospecting to his many Church. President Reynold Spruill operations, but his interest in timcalled the meeting to order and ber and lumber has never slack-Worth Chesson led the group in the ened

opening song," America." Mr. Ross Mr. Gleaves also announced that Mr. Broadhead bought the sawmill at Roper and the headquarters served by the Woman's Society of house known as "Roper House." "Our business is developing and merchandizing real estate," Mr. Gleaves said, "and I know nothing about running a sawmill. With Mr Broadhead's organization taking Cancer Campaign over the mill, I am sure its full potentialities will be realized by modernization and very substantially increased production. This should campaign in Washington County realized \$1,471, just \$29 short of

the \$1,500 quota, Mrs. Edward the mill." Craft, county campaign chairman, Mr. Broadhead has on recent visits expressed a great faith in the possibilities of eastern North Car-The Washington County unit of olina and regards it as one of the few remaining sections east of the Mississippi which is capable of vastly greater commercial activity and economic development than it now has. He is undecided about moving here himself but plans to send his son, Norris, to get operations started and to supervise them. Norris Broadhead, his wife and Mrs. Craft wishes to thank all two-year-old daughter intend to

organizational personnel, the many live at Roper House. "Wwight Corporation has a lot chairmen, and all other persons more development work to do, Mr. Gleaves continued, "and the Broadheads have very kindly invited us to continue to use Roper House until we can arrange for a new headquarters. Mr. Galland and To Meet Friday Night I have made so many friends in the Roper-Plymouth area that we hope we can make satisfactory cen-James E. Jethro Post, No. 164, Fri- tral office arrangements here. We

RegistrationBooks Union and Plant Officials Open Saturday for Election Sept. 8th In Mediation Meet Today

\$8,400 in Soil Bank For County Farmers

program, it was learned this week

office manager, stated that 23 had exceeded their corn allotment

principally corn.

receive maximum payments of \$8. the reserve which will bring the 404.80 under the Acreage Reserve participating farmers a maximum payment combined of \$7,175. Sixteen operators are taking part in Miss Miriam Ausbon, county ASC the corn phase of the program.

Three operators with 4.47 acres agreements were signed under the of tobacco in the reserve will reprogram in this county, two of ceive \$916.11, while two operators which were ineligible because they with 5.7 acres in the reserve cotton agreement will receive payments totaling \$313.78.

The 21 eligible agreements totaled Maximum soil bank payments in ed 242.17 acres in three crops, but the state will total \$3,752,994, it

Plans Are Approved To Enlarge Hospital nated last of middle Monday, August 13. National labor law re-

Project Will Increase Capacity at Washington Coun- Bookmobiles To ty Hospital to 32 Beds,

The county commissioners have accepted the plans for the addition to Washington County Hospital as drawn by W. Moore Werber, Ra leigh architect, and to be submitted along with the application now being readied at the hospital offices for approval of the U.S. Public Health Service and the State Medical Care Commission

The project, which has been designated No. NC 251, will add 10 beds to the capacity of the hospital, it is said, by the construction of two four-bed rooms and two private rooms. This would increase the capacity at the hospital to 32

The commissioners approved the ing here Monday. The motion wa made by Commissioner J. Knowles of Roper and seconded by Commissioner Phillip M. Spruill o

To meet the requirement of the bond attorneys of New York a new set of resolutions was adopted at the session, covering the issuance of \$500,000 in school bonds. Jurors to serve at the Septem

ber criminal term of superior court here were drawn.
J. L. Outlaw, assistant county

Hope Suitable Central Of agent, submitted his report covering work done during the month

The clerk was instructed to write to the highway department requesting that the tile that drains the ditch on the W. P. Patrick farm in Skinnersville Township be lowered. The farm in question is about a mile and a half south of the Sound Bridge.

A letter was received from Brigadier General E. F. Griffin, director of the N. C. Civil Defense Administration, dated August 1, stating that no action can be taken on any additional projects or supplements which were brought about as a result of the 1955 storm. The state administration has been so advised by the Federal Civil Defense Administration, Griffin stated in the letter. The county recently filed an application to include the Beaver Dam Swamp in Lees Mill Township cent Avenue in Stillacres.

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To Hold Service Sunday Afternoon at Morrattock

Services will be held at Morrat tock Primitive Baptist Church has not held up too well, which is near Plymouth Sunday afternoon the reason the mixture is being inbe good news to the many people at 3:30 by the minister, Elder S. creased. Grading and leveling of who either worked in or supplied R. Boykin. The public is cordially the streets involved was completed invited to attend.

Halt Two Weeks

on their winter runs in September, after the beginning of the school term, it was announced

Mrs. Harris, are taking their va-cations at that time. Regular schedules will be resumed the first week in September, but La-bor Day will be observed as a holiday, it was announced.

Crews Begin Work at issue is the differential for mechanics. The unions are said to be On Several Local Streets Yesterday

Being Done by Highway der Contract With Town; meeting this morning. Will Require Couple Days

Cost of the local projects is estimated at about \$6,000, with payment to be made from Powell Bill Funds received by the town last year. The town's contract with the state commission calls for the following:

Surfacing of 700 feet on Truman Avenue; one block each on Fifth, Sixth and Madison Streets; part of one block on Jefferson Street, from Water Street to the river, between Plymouth Furniture Company and the post office; one block of Cranresurfacing about 425 feet of West Avenue east of Highway 64: and resurfacing about 150 feet of Cres-

A thicker surface is to be laid this time than heretofore, it was stated, the asphalt mixture being increased from 150 to 200 pounds per square yard. This will make the surface about 21 inches thick. Similar work done here in the past some time ago.

Library bookmobiles will go

Bookmobiles will not run the last two weeks in August as the librarians, Mrs. Alexander and

Surfacing and resurfacing of several street projects got underway here yesterday. The work is being done by crews of the State Highway and Public Works Commission affiliated with three international and will be completed in about two unions on July 25. They continued rain.

berry Street in Little Richwood;



J. Weaver, local photographer W. J. Weaver, local photographer and pony fancier, drew a lot of attention last Friday, when he rode up Water Street in this "show buggy," pulled by "Ginger Lady," one of his four ponies. He found the buggy rusting away over near Elizabeth City, bought it, cleaned it up and gave it a fresh coat of paint, creating the stylish turnout pictured here. Jack's ponies are favorites with Plymouth kids, and there's usually a crowd around. his pony lot. This was "Ginger Lady's" first time out in harness, and Jack did the driving himself. He has two pony mares, "Ginger Lady," pictured here, and 'Carolina Queen," and each has a pony colt three or four months old.—Staff photo.

Conciliators Here for Session This Morning; Notice Given of Contract Termination Monday

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Federal and State mediators are neeting today with representatives of the North Carolina Pulp Company and four local labor unions in an attempt to mediate differences which have arisen in contract negotiations here. J. Newton Maxie, of Portsmouth, Va., representing the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, and Gail Barker, of Raleigh, of the state labor department's conciliation service, called a meeting for 10 o'clock this morning with officials of the unions and company to discuss the

Federal and state conciliators entered the scene today following formal notice by the four locals that the contract presently in force at the local plant would be termiquire 10-day notice before any work stoppage, and the formal not-ice of contract termination was mailed to the company last Friday by officials of the four local unions involved.

No official statements have been issued by either side concerning the differences. It is reported the company offered terms patterned after other contracts negotiated previously in the southern kraft industry. Main features are said to be a two-year contract calling for an immediate wage increase of 13 cents per hour, with another 5 per cent increase, including a minimum of 9 cents an hour, to be effective next year; plus a differential of 2 cents an hour for mechanics, and an increase in the shift differential from 3 and 5 cents an hour to 5

None of the union officials could be reached this morning, but it is asking for 5 cents an hour, while the company is reportedly helding out for the same pattern followed in other southern kraft mills. None of these reports has been officially verified, but that is the substance of street talk here. There was no Commission Workers Un- report at noon today as to progress being made at the conciliation

> Anniversary date of the old contract was July 31, but it remains in effect until terminated by ofcial notice such as was, given by the unions last Friday. Negotiations for a new contract were begun by the company and four locals until Wednesday of last week when the company proposals were submitted to union members at meetings Wednesday and Thursday

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Commodities at County Schools Show Good Gain

Wholesale Values of USDA Items for Past School Year \$3,290 Increase, Figures Show

United States Department of Agriculture commodities distributed to the schools enables school lunchrooms to serve meals at amazingly low prices.

An idea of the tremendous help these commodities play in school lunchroom programs can be gained from figures just released by R. F. Lowry, superintendent, Washington County Schools.

Values of the commodities distributed to Washington County schools during the 1955-56 school year was listed at \$16,147. This represented a gain of \$3,290 in wholesale value over commodities distributed to schools of the county for the 1954-55 school year. Total for that year was listed at \$12,857.

These figures were somewhat higher than those of Chowan County, lowest among counties of the state, but a far cry from the top figures among the state's 100 counties for the two school years.

Mecklenburg County, with \$130, 591 in wholesale value of commodities distributed, led the state for the 1955-56 school year, while Guilford was out in front in '54-'55 with \$104,064. It should be noted, however, that these figures do not include city administrative units.

Chowan ranked lowest among the ounty units both years, \$5,078 in 954-55 and \$6,098 in 1955-56. Distribution is made on the basis of participation in the school lunchroom program and ratio of patron-

ing to Plymouth to succeed H. E. Newland as conservationist, worked as a soil scientist. While Mr. Bragg is away, Ed Craft is in charge of the office which is located in the Agriculture Building. Washington County Recorder's Court will have to get along without a solicitor for the next two weeks. Solicitor W. Blount Rodman will leave Sunday for two weeks' training at Fort Bragg with the 295th Field Artillery Battalion. Mr. Rodman is a staff officer with the turn to Plymouth Sunday, August

friends in Plymouth Tuesday for several hours. Lieutenant Brown is executive officer of Troop A, with headquarters at Greenville. He was stationed here during the late 1930's and early 40's when he was a corporal. His wife is the former Miss Mary Frances Beasley of Plymouth.

Five members of the Plymouth Boy Scout troop sponsored by the Men's Fellowship of First Christian Church were present recently when the charter presentation to the Men's Fellowship was made. They were Tommy Gurganus, Ed-Oliver, Logan Womble, Ed Womble and Stanley Brewer. These boys and Connie Cox, who was unable to attend, all have pass ed their tenderfoot test. Scoutmaster Dail Beasley, David Wil liams, assistant Lutmaster, Harold Whitley, troop committee chairman, and Burl Gurganus, committee member, were also present.

Library Here Has Third Highest in Book Circulation

Closely Trails Tyrrell Public Library and Brown-Region

Washington County Public Li brary had the third largest library circulation in the Pettigrew Region during Pettigrew Regional Library's first year, according to figures released by the regional director, Mrs. Eugenia R. Babylon.

The Pettigrew Regional Library was officially formed October 1, 1956, and since the fiscal year endual counties of the region were counted for July, August and September 1955 in arriving at a total for the year.

Total number of books circulated

to residents of Chowan, Tyrrell and Washington Counties was 92,

197, including library and bookmo-Total for the Washington County Public Library was 11,003. Tyr-rell County Public Library led with 11,755, while Brown Carver Library of Edenton was second with 11,026. Circulation figures for other libraries in the region include

Shepard Pruden Library, Edenton

8,088; Washington County Colored

Library, Plymouth, 1,489; and Tyrrell County Colored, 882 Circulation of the white bookmo-

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List of Jurors Drawn For September Court The meeting was the second for the board within an eight-day period. The board the previous Monchairman; Ed Craft, Educational Chairman; Aubrey Liverman, secre-

duled to open here September 12. Named as jurors are 23 persons Named as jurors are 23 persons from Plymouth Township, 10 from Manning, Elvin Adams, Grady week was necessary in order to Lees Mill Township, seven from Biggs, Thomas W. Spruill, H. N. fix the date for teacher's pay and

from Scuppernong Township. The list by townships follows: Plymouth-Warren Wells, A. J. ley, Russell Owens, R. C. Smith, H. Hassell and W. H. Ambrose; Burl Gurganus, Earl T. Menden-

A list of 45 county citizens was ner, Delbert Wolfe, Clyde Sitterrecently drawn for jury duty at son, J. C. Snell, Robert E. Bowen, the term of superior court scheHarden Britton, Harry A. SimpHarden Britton, Har

and Virginia crops are marketed.

Lees Mill-W. J. Vaughan, C. B. Skinnersville Township and five Davenport, W. D. Styons, Arthur get the notice into the office of the American Legion Post W. Marriner, H. G. Spruill and L. state superintendent of public in-L. Mizell;

Skinnersville-J. B. White, D. E. Newberry, G. L. Skidmore, Warren Allen, John E. Miller, J. R. Beas-Davenport, L. S. Bateman, Rupert

hall. W. Arthur Hardison, L. C. Waters, Rodney L. Rogerson, Lindsey E. Spruill, Richard M. Marri
No. Arthur Hardison, L. C. Craddock, Fred B. ney J. Hassell and J. Whitford Swain, both of Roper; and P. B. Swain, both of Roper; and P. B. Belanga, Creswell.

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Around \$60,000 Members of the Plymouth City

Council members also deferred placing an order for a new police cated and Barton Swain was apcar until October and discussed pointed chairman of the committee having a number of shacks in the to carry out this project. town torn down on account of the fire hazard they present, but no action was taken. Mayor A. J. Riddle presided at the meeting, with all members of the council present:

Was also voted to breet a stating that action was taken. Mayor A. J. Riddle presided at the meeting, with all members of the council present:

Was also voted to breet a stating that casting absentee ballots will be the same as in former years. E. D. Keel and W. C. Hall of the reported that additional funds are Quota Increase first ward; J. B. Latham and Ralph needed to carry out the club's proj-

Engineers were to be here Wed- club's finance committee, reported

Mayor Riddle said yesterday it

It was agreed to invite the Roper
Boy Scout troop and troop commit-

There will be a meeting of the