tended the monthly meeting of the Albemarle Home Economics Teach-

student teachers in the homemak-

ing department of the local school.

presented gifts of a dress and

jewelry. Appearing with them on

the program was the well-known

Johnny of cigarette calling fame, who presented each guest on the

Word this week was that Guy

Whitford, newly appointed Wash-

ington County farm agent, will as-

sume his duties here Monday, Oc-

tober 1. Mr. Whitford, now assis-

tant county agent of Nash County,

was in Plymouth during the past

week-end but was unsuccessful in

obtaining housing accomodations

for moving his family to Plymouth

He will leave his family at Nash

ville temporarily, it is understood,

and go back and forth week-ends

Considerable peanut digging ac-

tivity was noted in this county dur-ing the week. The job of digging

nd stacking the goobers is expect-

Led to be in full swing by the last

of next week. The recent dry wea

ther has hastened ripening of the

crop. Reports are varied as to pros-

Some growers report a full crop

of nuts, others a fair crop. At any

rate, there should be a consider-

able improvement over last year's

The county Farmers Home Ad-

o'clock-the usual hour-after

ministration office will reopen Thursday morning of this week at

having been closed all week while

W. Willis Bowen, FHA county sup-

ervisor, and Mrs. Ernestine Bas-night, office clerk, were in New Bern attending a district FHA

meeting. The office is located in

the basement of the county court-

School Cafeteria

Commodity Items

Here Total \$4885

Limas, Etc., Expected

to information released through the

office of the county superintendent

Another \$1,452 in such commodi-

modity Distribution program of the

ties, received through the Com-

and receipt of these goods enables

of schools here this week.

superintendent.

program with a pack of smokes.

Miss Ruth Satterthwaite and her

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TEACHERS: Here are the new teachers at Plymouth High School this year, along with Principal J. S. Fleming, who has headed the faculty here for T. C. Martus, of Roper, eighth grade section; Mrs. Mary Cotten Davenport, of Mackeys, eighth grade section; Mrs. Vernelle B. Beasley, of Plymouth, seventh grade section; Mrs. Mary Cotten Davenport, of Mackeys, eighth grade section; Mrs. Vernelle B. Beasley, of Plymouth, seventh grade section; Mrs. Hildred E. Martin, of Jamesville, fourth grade section; and Mr. Fleming.—
Staff photo.

tracts for Two Years

our weeks' vacation with pay.

Under the new rates, minimum

manager, represented the pulp

ompany in the negotiations. J.

See CONTRACTS, Page 7

Receive Call-

For Four Men

The Washington County draft

board has received a call from state Selective Service headquar-

on September 4th.

Unions at Pulp Plant Officers Continue pects for yield and quality but it is generally agreed that the hay eron is one of the finest in years. Have New Contracts

Resigns Position

yesterday announced that he was resigning as second district solicitor, effective next Monday, September 24, in order to devote full time to his law practice.

Mr. Peel ,61 years of age, was appointed in November, 1953, by the late Governor Umstead, succeeding George Fountain, of Tarboro, who was appointed super ior court judge. In the May, 1954, primary Mr. Peel was nominated in the Democratic primary over Hubert S. May, of Nashville.

Rise, Milk Solids, Butter, Canned Ham, Pork and \$50,000 Slander Gravy Received; Cheese, Suit Filed Here Value of surplus commodities re-

000 Punitive Damages

riculture, is expected in the county shortly, said Roy F. Lowry, county

the price of meals to students at an amazingly low figure; or, at that Mildred Gurkin Sexton, wife of ferences were held to work out deleast, is an important contributing George T. Sexton, of Plymouth, tails of the contracts, which were Items received here, the amount and the value, were listed as fol-

20 50-pound cases of Wisconsin nonfat dry milk solids, \$360; 9 100pound bags parboiled Texas rice, \$195; 67 cases of 32 1-pound prints Iowa creamery butter, \$1,376: 72 cases canned pork and gravy, \$2,-304; 13 cases canned hams, \$650. Items expected to be received soon include 62 cases process cheese, \$775; 22 bags dry limas,

Negotiations were completed by The complaint then proceeds to the latter group a week or two When received, these items would swell the total value to \$6,

Elbert S. Peel

Elbert S. Peel, of Williamston,

The district includes Martin, Nash, Edgecombe, Washington and Wilson Counties.

Harrison Seeks \$25,000 tracts were for a year only.

A \$50,000 slander suit was filed North Carolina Department of Ag- here Saturday.

A complaint drawn up by Attorney W. M. Darden was sworn lunchrooms at the various schools plaintiff in the suit, Celeste Hardi- were begun about the middle of

the lunchroom operators to keep of near Plymouth. Briefly, the complaint alleges of the contracts. Subsequent conwent to L. T. Harrison and told approved by membership of four him that she had caught Harrison's of the local unions August 15. wife in an act of adultery with

was stated in the complaint Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers; have good suspects, too." that Harrison then suggested that Local No. 423 of the International they proceed to Albemarle Beach (operated by Sexton) and see Sexton and get things straightened out.

Brotherhood of Paper Makers; and Local 415 of the International Union of Operating Engineers. Separton and get things straightened out. At this point, the complaint alleges, ate conferences were held by repthe defendant in the suit made the resentatives of the company and statement, "You had better not car- Local No. 1183, International Brory that b--h down to the beach because I will kill her." therhood of Electrical Workers. Negotiations were completed by \$242; 60 cases canned peaches,

See SLANDER, Page 12

Two Men, Two Stills Captured in August

Two liquor stills, sundry sup-| sulted in the arrest of Jesse Armiplies and equipment fell to raiding stead. Both men were turned over officers in this county during Aug. to federal officers. ust, according to a report of such Federal Court at Washington Aug-

337 for the county system.

Sawyer's report shows that 1,550 of court. gallons of mash were confiscated Officers taking part in one or along with two worms, 33 barrels, more of the raids during the month

Henry Webb was apprehended outh Police Officers Peacock and by the officers on August 24, and a 1950 model Ford he was driving man L. N. Walters, Sheriff J. K. was seized. A raid on August 29 re-Reid, and ATTD men.

activities submitted recently by Chief ABC Officer for Washington County, Robert Sawyer of Roper.

Federal Court at Washington and taxed was tried ust 29, while Armistead was tried in county recorder's court here, fined \$300 and taxed with the costs

ters for four registrants to be sent by this board for induction into the Armed Forces at Raleigh Wednesday, October 10. 3 coolers, and 46 gallons of bootleg were listed as Sawyer, Plymouth The information was released Chief of Police P. W. Brown, Plymyesterday by Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board clerk. No pre-induction call will be made upon the board here during the month of October, Mrs. Hunter stated.

Work on Series of Recent Break-ins Negotiations Concluded Yes-

Good Fingerprints Obtained terday With Signing by Electricians; New Con-

Contract negotiations between representatives of the North Caro-No success in solving a recent ina Pulp Company here and its series of break-ins in and around employees were concluded yester-Plymouth had been reported late day with the signing of the electri- yesterday. cal workers' contract. Contracts for

Thieves reportedly stole some four other local unions were signed batteries from the Julian Brinkley Lumber Company, tires and garage The same general pattern was equipment from the Miller Warren followed in all the contracts signed Implement Company, tires off cars by the five locals and the company on the lotat How Chevrolet Comrepresentatives. This included a pany, a gold watch, flashlight, two-year contract calling for a gen- camera and a 32-caliber owl-head eral wage increase of 13 cents per pistol from Mrs. J. O. Highsmith's hour, effective August 1st, 1956; residence at Roper, all within the Student Teachers space of about a week and a half.

with an additional 5% or minimum The Miller Warren Implement of 9 cents an hour to be effective next August 1. A number of in- Company, located on US 64 by-pass dividual job adjustments were also here, was entered during the night made and, beginning in 1957, em- last Wednesday or early Thursday ployees with 25 or more years serv- morning, the thieves gaining entry ice with the company will receive by prying open a large rear door with the use of a crowbar, after in the contract affecting working er door at the back, only to disconditions and various factors, but cover that the door was barred.

ceived by Washington County
Schools to date for the present school year totals \$4,885, according

Plaintiff Celeste Hardison are outlined above. This is the first time a two-year contract has been at \$250, a valve kit of about like negotiated here, as former convalue. About \$4 or \$5 dollars in change was missing from the cash register and a soft drink machine. Compensatory and \$25,- pay for hourly employees who have the vandals doing an estimated been with the company 90 days or \$150 damage to the cash register.

more will be \$1.64 per hour. From Thieves are said to have broken there the wage increase now in effect means up to \$3.19 per hour for George Grimes who keeps his car Carolyn Brinkley. At the conclusmachine tender on the new No. 1 in the Highsmith garage. When he Terms of the new contracts are Pulp Company Tuesday night he assigned to the department here. to before Louise S. Allen, deputy retroactive to August 1, when the discovered that thieves had been Commodities are used in the clerk of superior court, by the old contract expired. Negotiations there. Missing from the Highsmith part in all major activities of the home were the items listed above. son Harrison, wife of L. T. Harri- July, with agreements reached It was evident, said Sheriff J. K. in the community. some weeks ago on main features Reid, that soup had been heated in the kitchen and a light meal enjoyed. Also, several trunks in the house had been ransacked. Sheriff

Reid and State Bureau of Investihim that she had caught Harrison's of the local unions August wife in an act of adultery with Sexton at the meat case in the Sexton at the gation Agent Clyde Fentress secur

Doubles in Year

Figures on book circulation a Washington County Public Library show that circulation for August was more than double that of August a year ago.

L. J. Darby, industrial relations director, and E. M. Leavitt, mill this week by Mrs. Eugenia R. Baby lon, director of the Pettigrew Regional Library of which the local library is an integral part, total Plymouth, it is announced. circulation for August reached 1,-687 volumes, as compared with a total of only 828 in August 1955.

Adult circulation figures were listed as 558 last month, and 467 in August of 1955. The greater increase was in juvenile books where the total rose from 361 in August of 1955 to 1,129 in August of this

Pettigrew Library Board To Meet Tonight, Columbia

The Pettigrew Regional Library Board, Mrs. J. Robert Campbell of Plymouth, chairman, will meet in

Time of the meeting will be 8

Meeting Monday

Vashington County School First Assembly

Another step in a campaign to romote improvement of present school facilities in the county system is due to be taken Monday night when a committee of 158 prominent white and colored citiens meets at the courthouse here.

One step was taken at the meet-office managers with males, it is has kept Washington County at the tion Monday of last week when the 158 persons were named to the Washington County School Improvement Committee.

The meeting next Monday is set tees will be formed at the meeting to function in the fields of fin rating comparatively speaking, and county in this regard. ance, publicity, meetings, liaison, canvassing, getting out the vote in the coming \$500,000 school bond

Letters addressed to the members of the committee from the office of the county superintendent of schools were put in the mails today, expressing the hope that all those named will be able to serve in the interest of the schools.

Basis for the program of school facility betterment is expected to be the report made by a committee composed of J. C. Manning, superintendent of Martin County Schools, J. L. Pierce and W. L. Lathan of the State Department of At J. O. Highsmith Resi- Public Instruction, following a sur-

> A "substantial amount" of new construction was cited in that report as a prime need in the county school system. Recommendations listed in a story in this paper last week included new facilities at just about all school units in the county

man, of Chocowinity, seniors at East Carolina College, Greenville, There are some other changes they had broken a glass in a small- have been assigned to do three months student teaching in the On Last Saturday conditions and various factors, but cover that the door was parred.

Missing from the place were about 15 automobile tires valued been here since the start of school tank is constructed. Engineers explained that this is a separate matare outlined above. This is the first about 15 automobile tires valued been nere since the start of school time a two-year contract has been at \$250, a value kit of about like and are rooming at the home of ter and bids will be asked later. Mrs. L. Roy Swain on East Main

was recognized the local school had For this reason, the town's engin a strong home economics depart- eers recommended Tuesday that no ion of the first quarter of college came home from work at N. C. work, two other students will be bids and have it ready for consid- Washington County Stands

regular teachers in the school and

Special Meeting Series To Open at Union Chapel

A series of special meetings will open Monday night of next week at Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, announces the church minister, the Rev. L. E. Ambrose of

Nightly meetings will begin at clock with the Rev. T. O. Terry of Cove City doing the preaching. The meetings are scheduled to continue through October 3. The public is invited.

Youth for Christ Rally Slated Sunday at Wenona

The regular monthly Albemarle Youth for Christ rally will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Wenona Church of Christ near Dennis Davis will be the speaker for the rally.

The public is invited to attend.

Improvement Committee Male Office Manager Of 158 Cirizens To Hold

election, etc.

dence, Sheriff J. K. Reid vey of county school needs made March 8th of this year. meeting of the Plymouth City Council Tuesday afternoon. How-

The general public is invited to attend the meeting next Monday, Co inty Superintendent of Schools Re F. Lowry of Plymouth stated

At Local School

Miss Hilda Gray Apple, of Gib-sonville, and Miss Esther Hick-

specifications of the five bids restated they would prepare a tabu lated comparative statement of the eration by the council by tonight's

The student teachers are taking meeting. Low bid on the tank was sub-mitted by the Pittsburgh-Des

Deadline Near On Tax Refund

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J. L. Outlaw, assistant county ers today to file for their federal tax refunds on farm-used gaso-line. The deadline is October 1, Outlaw said many farmers eligible for this refund have not made application for it.

The federal tax on each gallon of gasoline is three cents. This is the first year that farmers have been exempt from it, and, since it can mean so much to the average farmer, application for a refund should be made right away, the agent emphasized. Farmers should file for the refund through the office of P. K. Sanders, Greensboro, director of internal revenue for the North

Bloodmobile Will Be Here Of Improvement Group on Schools Tuesday; Goal Is 110 Pints

Sought Here for ASC Beginning Thursday of this week | which commands an annual salary the Washington County ASC com- of \$5,400.

mittee will accept applications for Miss Miriam Ausbon, present ofthe position of county ASC office fice manager who has compiled an manager, it is announced. enviable record during her tenure The state ASC committee has in the position here and who, with adopted a policy to replace female the cooperation of her assistants, the regular quota, when the set-up

Applications will be filed at the has accepted the position of chief 10:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. and the county ASC office located in the clerk, it was stated. right wing of the Agriculture

Low Bids Indicate Total

Cost About \$57,000 for

250,000-Gallon Tank and

Bids for the new 250,000-gallon

water tank for Plymouth were re-

ceived and opened at a recessed

ever, there was no letting of con-

tracts at the meeting, as the town's

100-Foot Tower

set for tonight at 8 o'clock.

\$8,947.60 to a high of \$10,461.

\$57,041.36, including the engineer-

ing fee of 6%. The bids are fairly

well in line with previously esti-

mated costs, according to town of-

No bids have yet been received

ficials.

ing of the county board of educa-explained, so only males need ap-forefront in the state in matters outh—the Veterans Building. relating to ASC and ACP programs

Several office managers in the Building in Plymouth, it was said. state will be affected by the new bank leaders. for 7:30 o'clock in the courtroom. Certain qualifications must be met policy, it is understood. It is un-It is expected that sub-commit- by the applicant. The grade for this officially reported that an exceptcounty rates a CO-9, an excellent ion is being made in one eastern

RECENT GRADUATE

Local Blood Bank Program Leaders Hoping for Strong Response Similar to That

Tuesday of next week the Red cross bloodmobile is slated to make its 23rd official visit to Washington

Efforts will be exerted to obtain minimum of 110 pints of blood, is made at the usual place in Plym-

Donor hours are announced as cooperation of the public is respectfully solicited by local blood

Again the visit will be jointly sponsored by the same organizations which have sponsored the visits ever since the blood program was instituted here almost six years Council Studies Bids ago-the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion and the Bosie Bateman Post, Veterans of Foreign On New Water Tank

Refreshments will be prepared and donated by the Wesleyan Service Guild of Plymouth Methodist Church. Refreshments in the past have usually consisted of sandwiches, drinks, etc.

The visits to the county are made quarterly, the last being on June 20 when 168 pints were obtained. On only two previous occasion has this total been surpassed-December 13, 1951, when 189 pints were secured, and on March 12, 1954, when the total was 174 pints.

Total blood donated in this county to the program in the almost six years it has operated amounts to 2,637 pints. Much blood has been drawn out of the bank by county users during that period, also, it has been emphasized.

Persons desiring to give blood next Tuesday but who do not have transportation should telephone 454-1 to have transportation furnished. This is a service which will be rendered gladly, it is pointed

Since the fine showing made here in June when the quota was surpassed by 58 pints, local leaders of the program are hoping for a strong response next Tuesday. Blood is still urgently needed, it has been stated.

Creswell Man Now In Law's Clutches **InChathamCounty**

Hallet Patrick, Called and Failed Here Last Week, Given Six Months Term; Faces Assault Charge

A Creswell white man who failed to appear in superior court here last week to answer charges against him reportedly ran afoul of the law in Chatham County later. Hallet Patrick was given six months on the roads when found guilty of speeding at Siler City, Sheriff J. K. Reid of this county said he was informed.

Additionally, Patrick faces a charge of assault with a deadly weapon arising out of the injury of a state highway patrolman in Chatham County, Sheriff Reid said he understood. Patrick's case will be tried at the term of Chatham Superior Court slated to open the first week in October, it was stated.

The report reaching here was that Patrick had been stopped by a patrolman for speeding and that Washington County is one of 13 he attempted to run the patrolman North Carolina counties ranked down with his automobile, jamamong the first 100 peanut counties ming the officer against his own for that year. The others and their patrol car or some object and in-

Patrick was charged here with assault in one case, and in another fax, 6th and 4th; Bertie, 12th and with speeding 85 miles per hour 2nd; Edgecombe, 22nd and 9th; in the Town of Creswell, driving Martin, 25th and 7th; Hertford, drunk and resisting arrest. Patrick 32nd and 8th; Gates, 56th and 18th; was called and failed, judgment of

> However, Attorney W. L. Whitley of Plymouth produced a memorandum from a Siler City doctor stating, it was said, that Patrick was unable, due to illness, to aptificate from the doctor through a pretense, it was said, and word the effect that nothing was wrong

with him physically.
Patrick had been under \$1,000 bond here for his appearance at the September term of Washington Su-

enegineering firm, Rivers & Rivers, of Greenville, wished to prepare a comparative statement of the bids and specifications for consideration by the council at another meeting Eight bids were received for the tank and foundations Tuesday, five for the tank itself and the other three for the foundations and fittings. Bids on the tank ranged from a low of \$44,465 to a high of \$50,100; while the foundation and Joe Jesse White, son of Mr. fitting bids ranged from a low of and Mrs. J. B. White of Roper, completed the requirements for If the low bids on the tank are his bachelor of arts degree at accepted as submitted this would East Carolina College last month, make the total cost to the town

it has been announced by Dr. Orval L. Phillips, registrar. He will receive his degree at the commencement exercises next May. Mr. White entered East Carolina College in 1952 after graduating from Roper High School. He majored in social science and had a minor in English.

There are some variations in the Peanut Crop Rank Carolina College officials stated it ceived for construction of the tank. Compares Well in a strong home economics department under the supervision of Miss contract be let at that time. They

50th in Nation in Total Peanut Poundage for 1954

Of the top 100 peanut-producing ounties in the United States, Washington County ranks 93rd in the number of acres harvested but is in 50th place when it comes to pounds actually harvested.

The rankings, released late last week by the United States Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., were prepared by the department from a census of the 1954 peanut crop.

respective rank, first as to acre- juring him. age and next as to poundage, are:

Northampton, 5th and 3rd; Hali-Pitt, 59th and 42nd; Chowan, 62nd nisi sci fa was entered and capias and 20th; Bladen, 69th and 46th; ordered. Perquimans, 92nd and 40th; Nash, 96th and 70th.

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Record 4-H Enrollment in Prospect pear. Upon investigation by the court, however, it was discovered that Patrick had obtained the cer-

Clubs in this county will reach a ing slated for Thursday. record enrollment during the current school year, according to Assistant County Agent J. L. Outlaw, supervisor of 4H boys' work.

"We see the county will reach a ling stated for Thursday.

The meetings were organizational in nature, with officers being elected for thursday.

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the Tyrrell County Library Thursday night of this week, it is announced.

ment particularly in the senior clubs," Mr. Outlaw said. "This is very encouraging," he added.

Element promised.

Mrs. Frances M. Darden, county

not available this week and will in the county. "We expect to have good enroll- be published next week, it was

Elementary and Senior club were held in Plymouth and Roper Junior club meeting was held winner during the past year.

Indications are now that 4-H this week, with the Creswell meet Tuesday. Roper Junior and Senior from the doctor was said to be to clubs met Wednesday.

> home demonstration agent, supervises work among the 4-H club-girls

Joint meetings of boys and girls Monday of this week, while the work. The county had a district ported he was placed under \$2.500

n the county.

The work, organized in 1952, has called, Judge J. Paul Frizzelle orprogressed well and many useful dered him placed under an addiprojects are carried out by the tional \$1,000 bond. When Patrick work. The county had a district ported he was placed under \$2,500 winner during the past year.