keys won during the two days. Wea ther was good, crowds were fine

a deer jumped into the side of

their car near Mobley's Mill, be

companied by their daughter, Mrs.

Holliday's mother and John Swin-

son, jr., of Dardens, who was driving at the time. They were return-

ing from a week-end visit in Baltimore, Md. The car was damaged about \$50 worth by the impact but

the deer escaped, or at least could not be found by the party after the

Ann Taft greeted the guests and

tea was served by the hostess, Dot-

tie Thompson. Other guests were

class members and the home econo-

mics teachers. The tea was given in ection with the class study of

Misses Esther Lee Hickman and

Hilda Gray Apple, students at East

Carolina College, Greenville, left

Wednesday of this week to resume

their studies there after having

completed their practice teaching

in home economics under the super-

vision of Miss Carolyn Brinkley at

Plymouth High School. The two

girls are seniors at East Carolina and expect to be graduated next

spring. Before leaving Plymouth

they expressed appreciation for the

welcome and kindnesses shown

them in their three-month stay in

Plymouth and said that their ex-

periences here will be long re-

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board. He was a staunch member and supporter of Mackeys Metho-

dist Church where he served for

32 years as superintendent of the Sunday School. He also served the rch on the board of stewards. He was a native of the county,

He leaves, other than his widow

of Plymouth, Fred Davenport of Mackeys, and Reynold Davenport

of Jacksonville; two brothers, J. E.

Davenport of Plymouth and Dr. C.

A. Davenport of Hertford; a sister,

Mrs. Alma Chesson of Mackeys; and six grandchildren.

Officiating at the final rites were

he Rev. Leon Ross, minister of

he church, assisted by the Rev.

W. S. Davenport and the Rev. Jesse H. Lanning, Methodist ministers

of Plymouth. Interment was in Dav-

inport Cemetery at Mackeys.

ree sons, John Forbes Davenport

enjoyed by all.

special problems in foods.

car was stopped.

Jack House, jr., chairman of the VOLUME LXVII—NUMBER 47 Jaycees' Turkey Shoot committee, reports a successful event here last

Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, November 22, 1956



These three sportsmen came up with their limit of six geese, plus a pair of ducks, on a hunt at Wenona Wednesday of last week. Varying degrees of success are being reported by other hunters in the section. Those pictured here are Morris Hufton and Kermit Lyle, employees of the local A&P store, and A. W. Peacock, Plymouth night policeman.—Staff photo.

Water-Softener Bids had no authority so to do, it was explained by J. Robert Campbell, clerk to the board. Mrs. Jim Porter, Mrs. Henry Spencer and little Susan Spencer were special guests at an informal tea given Thursday of last week by the third-year home economics Are Called For Here class at Plymouth High School. Miss Esther Lee Hickman reports.

Splits Head in **Splitting Wood**

While splitting wood in his backyard Saturday morning William Ross Chesson of Pleasant Grove suffered an accident, the ax knocking him unconscious and leaving a gash wound requiring five sutures to close, it is re-

Mr. Chesson's little son, Billy, ran for help across the road and Bill Phelps rushed the injured man to Dr. McGowan's office at Plymouth where he was treated. It was reported that Mr. Chesson had returned to work, although his head continued sore for several days.

Misses Sue Underhill, Carolyn Brinkley, Esther Lee Hickman and Hilds Cross April Hilda Gray Apple and Roy F. Low-ry, all of Plymouth, attended the meeting of the Albemarle School-masters Club held last Monday night at Perquimans High School, To Plan Details Hertford. Speaker of the evening

was C. R. Holmes, Perquimans To Seek Floats of Religious County representative, who used Nature From Churches. the subject, "Schools for a Stronger America." A business session fol-Civic Organizations; Jaylowed a turkey supper which was cees Sponsor Event

to far as could be learned here A non-commercial Christmas payesterday no one from this county rade with a purely religious theme is attending the State Farm Bureau is being planned for Plymouth. Convention being held in Charlotte chairman for the event to be spon-sored by the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce, stated this this week. Reports from Charlotte

At Local Hospital general plan and a meeting is scheduled to be held at the Mayflower When the new water tank Restaurant here Monday of next week at 7:30 p. m. at which time it is hoped that all details of the entirely new water supply. Water Plymouth, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Plymouth, Plymouth, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Plymouth, Plymouth, Plymouth, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Plymouth, Pl nesday From Mackeys event can be worked out. Clubs in this section is notorious for its Church, Roper, and Plymouth Methodist Church for Will

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Mackeys

And churches who desire to have part in the parade are requested to have representatives at the Mon-reduce the degree of hardness from nounced such a service may also Funeral services for W. B. (Bill) chairman stated.

of a religious nature. That event is any money. Mr. Davenport, son of the late

Mr. Davenport, son of the late William S. and Henrietta Blount Davenport of this county, died at 11:30 o'clock Monday morning at Washington County Hospital after a brief illness. He was 71 years of age.

Of a religious nature. That event is any money.

It is also hoped to again have were held Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights before Christmas last year. Although the weather was given a five in the holy shows a five quite cold, large crowds attended Mr. Davenport served some years ago as freight agent here for the Norfolk-Southern Railway. He was also prominent in the political was also prominent in the political variable. Already, a community canta-Mr. Davenport served some was also prominent in the political life of the county, having served ta is slated for December 16, Hut-chins said, and it is hoped to stage tinguished it. on the county board of education and also on the Roper local school cantata, sings and parade at about the same period of time.

Will Be Opened and Considered on December 18; En-Cost at \$23,903

The Town of Plymouth this week dvertised for bids on the proposed Zeolite water-softening system as tentatively approved by the city council at its meeting on Monday, November 12. The bids will be received until Tuesday, December 18, at 2 p. m., when they will be publicly opened and considered, according to the advertisement.

Mayor A. J. Riddle said yesterday that the proposed plans and speci-fications, as tentatively approved by the council last week, have since een submitted to the State Board of Health and approved by that body. This procedure was neces-sary before calling for bids on the water-softening system and concrete block building to house it.

by the engineering firm of Henry 2nd Session, approved recommentation made by a Special Board of Associates, of Greenville, which will supervise the building and in-Holiday Parade Associates, of Greenville, which will supervise the building and incost of the projects is \$23,903, including an 18x36 concrete block water-softening system, all piping, grading and a heavy duty fence around the plot on which the around the plot on which the building and the new water tank are be located.

Contracts have already been le for the new water tank and its Charles Hutchins, committee foundations, to be located adjacent Prominent Citizen
Of Mackeys Passes

Chamber of Commerce, stated as week that it is hoped to have a number of floats entered in the parade by various local civic organizations and churches.

Hutchins said the various groups are being notified this week of the said the various groups are being notified this week of the entire project around \$82,500.

Bar, Contract price of the tank and foundations totaled \$58,668.46, including engineering fee. If bids for cluding engineering system and building are in line with estimates this will make the total cost of the entire project around \$82,500.

When the new water tank and day night meeting, the committee 214 to 72 parts per million. While have such planned. the cost of the entire project is Funeral services for W. B. (Bill)
Davenport, prominent Mackeys
izen, were held from Mackeys
Methodist Church, of which he was a member, Wednesday afternoon at a member of Washington and Beaufort County churches entered floats

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In Manning Shop Monday

Some smoke damage resulted from a fire in the body shop at needy families in the community.

An acetylene welding rig caught fire from a leak, firemen said.

Merchants HereAgree On Hours Next Month

born March 30, 1885. In April of 1913 he was married in Camden County to Miss Sophia Forbes of that place, who survives. Plymouth merchants this week got together on store hours during the month of Deecmber. All the stores will remain open until 9 p. m., each Friday before Christmas during the month, starting with Friday, Decem

> The stores will also be open until 9 o'clock each night the entire week before Christmas, starting Monday, December 17, and continuing through Christmas Eve, December 24th. They will be closed two days for Christ-mas, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 25 and 26, reopening

on Thursday, December 27, and resuming their regular schedule of closing hours after that date. Very few stores will close for New Year's Day, Tuesday, Jan-uary 1, so far as can be learned

Practically all stores in the downtown area agreed to the schedule of hours outlined above following circulation of a petition this week. Remaining open until 9 p. m. the first two Fridays in December represents a depart-ure from past custom, while the remainder of the schedule is about the same as that followed in previous years.

Special Meeting

Adopt Resolution Releasing Whitford reported today. From Drainage Work

Threatened with the loss of \$10, 400 in federal funds for drainage work in this county, the county commissioners got busy in a specia session here last Friday night and passed a resolution to protect the

The resolution had been request d earlier in the year but the commissioners never got around to passing it, maintaining that they

Mr. Campbell said that in a telephone conversation with Col. H. C. Rowland, jr., of the U. S. Corps of Engineers district office at Wilmington last week, Colonel Row-land stated that if the resolution were not forthcoming the money allotted this county would be withgineering Firm Estimates drawn and allotted to some other

It was following the conversation with Rowland that Campbell got saved by nearly 475 persons jury and abrasions. in touch with Frank L. Brinkley of Plymouth, chairman of the board of Commissioners, and the special neeting was called Friday night. A contract has already been

warded to Dickinson, Inc., to do

Commissioner Hubert L. Davenport of Skinnersville presented the resolution and moved for its adoption. Commissioner Phillip M. during the past four years here.

Spruill of Creswell seconded the In 1952, when the plan was first lives near the grape farm on the adopted as follows: "Resolved, that whereas the

Plans and specifications for the ent with the policies and principals ystem and building were prepared of Public Law 875, 81st Congress, See COMMISSIONERS, Page 12

Local Churches for

Few Churches of Town and County Announce Special Number of Cases

servance of Thanksgiving Day.

Among those heard from as to

Morning Prayer and sermon at

At 11 o'clock Morning Prayer and sermon will be given at Grace Church, Pymouth, of which Mr. Spruill is also rector.

It is announced that at both these services the churches will be adorned with the fruits of the earth which later will be distributed to

The Plymouth Presbyterian Church held its special Thanksgiving service on Wednesday night of this week, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. R. L. Combs is minister of the church.

Season Opening

The hunting season that many

Included are rabbits, quail and wild turkeys (gobblers or toms only). The season in each instance will continue through January 31 Bag limits are listed as: Rabbits—daily, 5; possession, 10

eason, 75. Quail—daily, 8; possession, 16; Wild Turkey-daily, 1; po

Commissioners in Hoke First Entry in County Contest Quiet Observance

Hoke community has officially | improvement contest may enter by | The contest will begin January Here on Friday entered the Washington County Community Improvement contest worker in the county will accept on the basis of improvements on for 1957, County Agent Guy M.

Although other communities

Total of Nearly \$40,000 Being Distributed To About 475 Members of Clubs by Two Banks Here

Chirstmas business, said to have section, should receive a big boost in the next few weeks from Christexecutive heads of the two instituthrough the Christmas savings ac-

end to members of the club at the of Morehead City. The accident oc-Branch Banking & Trust Company curred just about dusk, at 5:15 here. The Christmas savings checks p. m., when visibility was poor, the drainage work on projects in-volving Conaby Creek near Plym-outh and Kendricks Creek at starting Friday of this week. It is expected that the savings accounts about 40 miles per hour. At the meeting here Friday night will be decided stimulant to busi-truck-trailer was owned by Lloyd ness in general in the locality.

> here, and less than 200 received checks totaling about \$18,000. In

New clubs are being formed at

Services for Thursday of Carried Over as

Complaint Ordered Amended in Part in Slander Suit Here; Verdict Set Aside in Arnold Case

The November civil term of adjourned Thursday after continuing several cases for the term. Disposition of other cases before Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill, not reported last week, included: Celeste Hardison Harrison vs.

Mildred Gurkin Sexton, the court ordered Section Seven stricken from the complaint for the reason that it "is not a proper part of a pleading in this action. The court ruled on a motion of defendant to require an amendment to the complaint and a bill of particulars thereupon that motion should be allowed in part and denied in part, and ordered that the complaint be amended so as to state particularly whether it is alleged that plaintiff's children were in the immediate presence and hearing of the defendant at the time of the making of the allegedly slanderous re-marks concerning plaintiff to her husband, and be further amended by setting out the times and places at which it is alleged and intended On Upland Game to be proven that plaintiff made other and similar slanderous remarks concerning plaintiff, and stating what said remarks were. To this plaintiff objected and except-ed. The court denied the portion The hunting season that many sportsmen have been awaiting—that on upland game—opens Thursday of this week—Thanksgiving this plaintiff objected and excepted. The court denied the portion of defendant's motion that plaintiff be required to provide bill of parameters. of defendant's motion that plaintiff ticulars stating names of the persons to whom slanderous statements concerning plaintiff are alleged to have been made. To this defendant objected and excepted. J. E. Turner et al vs. Andrew M. Arnold et al, issue as to whether Mary M. Arnold had sufficient mental capacity to execute deed offered in evidence from her to

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an entry, it was pointed out. It was recently voted by the from the project list mentioned Government From Any Although other communities it was recently voted by the from have shown interest, Hoke is the group to include home gardening above. Claims Which May Arise first one to enter the contest which in the contest. Other projects which is co-sponsored by the county's may be selected by a community life and to make farm people more

agricultural workers and some of include improvements made on the concerned with improving their the local business establishments, home, farm building, churches, surroundings and in general en-

on the basis of improvements on projects selected by communities Business To Shut Down

The contest is to better rural Vhitford said.

Communities interested in the beautification and cemeteries. | farms of the county.

Christmas Checks Two Killed as Truck passed a resolution to protect the federal government from loss in connection with any damages that might arise out of the drainage Of Continue Clarks Rams Peanut Picker

Colored Children Victims; Accident Occurred on Old Chapel Hill Road Near Here Tuesday Afternoon

Two colored children were killed and another injured seriously late started off rather slowly in this Tuesday afternoon when a tractortrailer truck hit a peanut picker drawn by a tractor on the old mas savings funds being distributed Chapel Hill Road near here. Hyman by the two banks here. According Lee Lucas, 8, and James Henry to H. E. Beam and Marvin Weaver, Lucas, 15, died almost instantly and Jerry Lee Lucas, 16, suffered tions, upwards of \$40,000 have been a possible fractured pelvis, leg in-

The tractor-peanut picker was struck by a tractor-trailer truck Checks were mailed last week- driven by Clinton Vance Willis, 48, Fry Rocfing Company of Morehead Savings clubs at the two local banks have grown at a rapid rate the accident.

motion and it was unanimously tried out, there was only one bank lives near the grape farm on the Mackeys road. All three of them were riding on the tractor, which United States of America, consist- 1953, the number increased to more was being driven by Jerry Lee than 300, and this went to more Lucas, the eldest. The accident octhan 400 in 1954, when the Plant- curred at the swamp near the old county farm, and al' the "chicles

The youngest child was pinned between the peanut picker and the tractor and more than an hour's work by a wrecker was required to both banks at this time for next free him. His body was badly year. There are clubs of several denominations, calling for weekly payments from 50 cents to \$5. The 50 cents per week club returns a The tractor-peanut picker traveled check for \$25 next November; \$1 95 feet after the impact, while the Thanksgiving Day

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per week brings a check for \$50;
and so on up to checks for \$250 for those who deposit \$5 per week.

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The tractor-peanut picker traveled 95 feet after the impact, while the tractor-trailer skidded some 90 feet. Willis will be given a hearing in recorder's court here next Tues. recorder's court here next Tues- exhausted.

The accident brings the highway Court Adjourns

the county outside Plymouth and five in Plymouth, according to local police. This is by far the highest rate in the history of the county and probably one of the highest per capita rates in the state. The mplaint Ordered Amendal and probably one of the local police. This is by far the highest rate in the history of the county and probably one of the higher have been reported. It was said here this week that Elvin Adams, tenant on the A. J. Riddle farm near here, got an average of about 30 bags an acre.

Band Will Not Play at Street Was that yields were good, ranging from 15 to about 25 bags per acre.

In a few instances yields even higher have been reported. It was said here this week that Elvin Adams, tenant on the A. J. Riddle farm near here, got an average of about 30 bags an acre.

Band Will Not Play at

be able to perform at the football to be about 12 or 12½ cents a pound. Washington Superior Court, which opened here Monday of last week, Plymouth All-Stars and College All-Stars but the band will not play, it was stated Wednesday morning. wet spell.

Ain't Hay But Real Peanuts!

If you want to grow a crop o peanuts, says County Agent Guy M. Whitford, just stop by most any peanut farmer's home in the county. He can tell you how it's done. But if you want to grow a good crop of heavy yield and good quality, there are a few less stops to make for expert advice.

The farm of A. J. Riddle and tenant Elvin Adams would be a good place to inquire, thinks Whitford, Mr. Adams knows how it's done and can prove it. Even though recent rains took a toll of peanuts, Adams harvested 30 bags per acre. States the agent succinctly, "In my book this 'ain't hay,' but real peanuts."

Peanut Mill Here Receiving 'Fair' Deliveries, Said

Terms Quality of Crop as Good; Per scre Averages Lodge To Observe Said 15 to 25 Bags

Receipts of peanuts at Farmers Cotton and Peanut Company here this week were termed "fair by Manager E. J. Broughton.

The company began operations November 7th but ran out of peanuts after three days. Operations were resumed on the 14th and again in three days the supply was

The mill opened again Monday of this week and deliveries of good death toll in Washington County this year to 13, eight of them in the county outside Plymouth and the county outside Plymouth and sellers was that yields were good,

about 30 bags an acre.

It had been hoped that the and 12 cents a pound to more than begin the session and at 7:30 Plymouth High School band would 13 cents. Average price was said o'clock will adjourn to the social

Of Holiday Seen; General Closing

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Thursday With Exception Of Eating Places, Drug Stores, Stations

A quiet observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, marked by a general business shut-down, is on tap for Plymouth, according to a check made here this week. As usual, however, there will be some exceptions to the closing.

The one-day closing Thursday will include banks and all offices—county, state, federal, professional offices and the post offices of

Exceptions will be the various public eating places, drug stores and service stations. Restaurants will remain open for the day while drug stores will probably observe the usual Sunday hours for the holiday. Most of the service stations here are expected to remain open to business, though in some instances such business places may close for a short time around noon or in the early afternoon for the

Local industrial plants will observe the holiday, at least partly. Atlas Plywood Corporation's plant here will be shut down for Thursday but will resume operations Friday. True Temper Corporation, which is at present on a four-day week, will be closed Thursday for the remainder of the week, reopening Monday of the week following at the usual hour, it was said. As is customary, the office force at North Carolina Pulp Company plant will get the day off but plant opera-

tions will continue.

All county schools will close for the holiday Thursday and Friday and it will mean a nice, long weekend for teachers and students. The schools will reopen next Monday morning at the usual time. The holiday will be the last for faculties and student bodies until the Manager of Local Plant big one at Christmas season when the schools will close December 20 and be out until January 1, 1957.

145th Anniversary With Banquet 27th

Also Marks 37th Annual Past Masters and Ladies Night for Perseverance Lodge Here

Members of Perseverance Lodge No. 59, A. F. & A. M., are looking

Church on East Main Street. Mem-All-Star Game Friday Reports have been heard of bers of the lodge will meet at the prices varying from between 11 lodge hall promptly at 7 p. m. to hall of the church to join the ladies and special guests. Wilmer C. Chesson, master of the lodge, is expected to preside.

Other officers of the lodge are James M. Gilreath, senior warden; G. R. Leggett, jr., junior warden; Jack B. Latham, senior deacon; Dan K. Pittman, junior deacon; Dan K. Pittman, junior deacon; W. C. Styons, senior steward; James E. Hardison, junior steward; Hilton Dunbar, tiler; the Rev. R. H. Lucas, chaplain; G. R. Leggett, sr., secretary; and B. G. Campbell,

Rule Suicide in Creswell Death

Suicide was ruled in the death of Joseph Abraham Phelps, 58year-old man of the Creswell sec-

year-old man of the Creswell section, who died at 1 p. m. Thursday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Thelma Patrick of Creswell Rt. 1. Sheriff J. K. Reid said no inquest would be necessary. He said the butt of a double-barreled shotgun had been placed against a wall with the barrel against the man's temple as he lay on a bed beside temple as he lay on a bed beside the wall. Poor health was advanced as the reason for the act.

as the reason for the act.

Phelps was a native and lifelong resident of the county. He was a son of the late Henry C. and Lillie Mae Davenport Phelps, and was a member of Creswell Missionary Baptist Church.

He leaves a brother, L. D. Phelps of Norfolk, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Dennis L. Hufton of Roper Rt. 1, and Mrs. Patrick.

and Mrs. Patrick.

CHAMPS: "The Bootleggers," which recently won the League A championship in intra-mural six-man football at East Carolina College at Greenville, is composed almost entirely of former Plymouth High School students. The squad, pictured here, is composed of, left to right, front row: Sonny Walker, Ralph Luke, Leroy Singleton, Billy Styons, Harry Stallings; back row: Eddie Ricks, Bob Pinner, George Jackson, Paul Singleton and Tex Benton. All are from Plymouth except Pinner of Columbia and Stallings of Elizabeth City. "The Bootleggers" had a 5-0 record this season, scoring 131 points to 8 points by all opponents. Singleton, Styons and Walker are alternate captains. The group will also participate in intra-mural basketball, softball and baseball during the college year. Most of them will also be seen in action here Friday night in the benefit football game between the Coilege All-Stars and the High School All-Stars, with proceeds to go to the local high school athletic fund. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Creswell Missionary Baptist Church by the Rev. T. F. Davenport. Burial was in St. David's Cemetery.