

Fred A. Davenport, of Plymouth, is one of 15 students at East Carolina College who will attend the Southern Baptist Student World Missions Congress in Nashville, Tenn., December 27-30. They were selected from the 1,106 Baptist students at the college to represent the Baptist Student Union because of such qualifications as leadership, scholarship and loyalty to the purposes and activities of the BSU.

The 1957 North Carolina license plates will go on sale at the Carolina Motor Club office located at James H. Ward Insurance Agency on Washington Street here January 2. These plates must be displayed on all motor vehicles not later than midnight, February 15. The new plates are black with yellow numbers and bear the slogan, "Drive Safely." The new tags are the standard 6 by 12 inches. As in 1956, the numbering system will include one or two letters of the alphabet as pre-fixes for passenger cars and suffixes for commercial vehicles. Numbers will be limited to four digits.

Wilford L. Whitley, Jr., son of Plymouth Attorney and Mrs. W. L. Whitley, was recently promoted and transferred from the Philadelphia office of the Anti-Trust Division to headquarters of the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C. He now has one of the top positions as trial counsel in the nationwide investigation of the petroleum industry. With his wife and two children he has just completed moving from Haddonfield, N. J., to Alexandria, Va., where he is now living.

Talking about good sportsmanship and who doesn't, at one time or another—Irving Hassell, mechanic at House Chevrolet Co., thinks he has one for the books. Deer hunting in the Wenona section a few weeks ago, his dogs jumped and ran a deer away from him. He heard a shot about a mile away across the "burn" and figured some hunter had killed the deer. However, when he got to the place, there was no sign of the deer or his dogs or another hunter. He drove back to town, meditating on the ways of some kinds of so-called "sportsmen." When he got home, there in the driveway stood a jeep with a nice buck draped across the radiator. Beside it stood T. Reynold Spruill of Roper and his teenage son, Jackie. They explained that Jackie had killed the deer; then had learned identity of the dogs' owners by their collars, so they loaded the dogs and deer aboard and came right on to Irving's home. Needless to say, they carved the deer right there and divided it up; and, just for the record, Mr. Spruill and his son stand right at the top of the list in Mr. Hassell's estimation of good sports.

News has reached here of the resignation Monday of this week of Sgt. W. S. (Bill) Clagon from the State Highway Patrol. Sgt. Clagon, a veteran of more than 17 years with the patrol, has served for the past five years as sergeant in charge of five eastern counties, including Washington. He resigned to enter other employment, it was said. Sgt. Clagon was stationed at Washington.

A former Plymouth man has recently been elected president of the Ahoskie Pastors' Conference. He is the Rev. John C. Owens, rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in the Hertford County metropolis. The Rev. Joseph L. McTeer, minister of Creech Memorial Baptist Church, was named secretary. The new officers will assume their duties January 1. Mr. Owens previously served the group as secretary.

Last Rites Held for Cunningham Baby

Funeral services for Ricky Cunningham, five-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cunningham of Plymouth, were conducted from the Church of the Nazarene here Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. John Soloky, minister of the church, officiated. Burial was in Windley Cemetery. The child died Thursday morning at home. Surviving other than his parents are the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Perlie Bullock of Williamston Rt. 3; paternal grandparents, Thomas and Dovie Roper Cunningham.

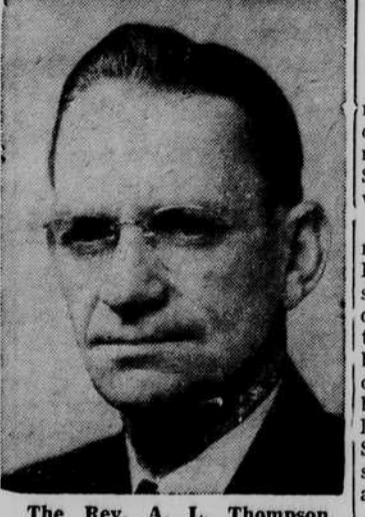
Plans Made for Christmas Program

Need Donors for Bloodmobile Friday

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be in Plymouth Friday of this week. The visit, 24th to this county, will again be sponsored by the local veterans organizations and the set-up as usual will be made at the Veterans Building. Donor hours will be from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. and the cooperation of the public is respectfully solicited by local blood bank leaders. Refreshments for donors are being given and will be served by ladies of Ludford Memorial Baptist Church, with Mrs. Carlyle Hall in charge. The quota for the visit will be 110 pints and every effort will be made to attain or surpass this figure. The need for blood continues great, it is said, and demands on the local blood bank are heavy. The visits to the county by the bloodmobile unit are made quarterly, the last having been on September 25 when 78 pints were secured. Other trips this year netted 77 pints March 14 and 168 June 20. Total blood donated to the program in this county in the six years it has operated here amounts to 2,715 pints. Much blood has been drawn out of the bank by users during that period, also, it is stressed. Local leaders are hoping the fine response of last June may be repeated here Friday.

Brinkley Is Reelected Head County Board

Commissioners Latham and Davenport, J. R. Campbell Take Oath of Office Before Allen



The Rev. A. L. Thompson, pastor of Long Memorial Methodist Church of Roxboro, will preach the conference sermon at the Elizabeth City District conference, to be held at the First Methodist Church in Washington Friday of this week.

The county commissioners re-named Frank L. Brinkley of Plymouth chairman at the regular monthly meeting here Monday. Several other matters of business were also transacted by the board. Two commissioners reelected to new terms in November—H. L. Davenport of Skippersville Township and A. R. Latham of Plymouth Township—were administered the oath of office. J. Robert Campbell, who was reelected register of deeds, also took his oath, the oaths being administered by W. O. Allen, clerk of Washington County Superior Court. Mr. Campbell's surety bond was also presented and approved by the board. Jurors to serve for the criminal term of superior court scheduled to open here January 14 were drawn. Judge Walter Bone of Nashville is slated to preside over the term of court. The following registrars were re-appointed for four years, beginning January 1, to record births and deaths in the county to be forwarded to the State Board of Health and the register of deeds: county health department, Plymouth Township; Mrs. J. C. Knowles, Lees Mill Township; Mrs. Minnie F. Davenport, Scuppernon Township; Miss Alice White, Skippersville Township. A letter from the registrar had done good work and recommended their appointment. It was brought out at the meeting that the sum of \$2,500 earmarked to purchase medical equipment for the new county health center here was not sufficient to take care of the low bid for the equipment. The board voted an additional \$248.84 to be used for this purpose. It was voted to accept the list of delegates to the annual meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association from this county submitted by H. W. Pritchett, vice president for the county in the association. The list included, from Creswell, Phillip M. Spruill, H. O. Chesson, Mrs. H. W. Pritchett, Mrs. Harold Harris, Mrs. H. O. Chesson, A. W. Alexander, Leon L. Davenport, assisted by Mr. Combs. Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James P. Ardrey, of Pineville, Mrs. Rea was 60 years of age. She was born in Pineville on August 29, 1896, and was married to James L. Rea, sr., on December 25, 1920. They moved from Matthews to Washington County 34 years ago and Mr. Rea has managed state experiment farms here since that time, first The Blackland Experiment Station at Wenona and later the Tidewater Station about five miles east of Plymouth. Long a member of the Presbyterian church, Mrs. Rea was active in helping to organize the church here and took a leading part in women's organizations of the church until her health began to fail about two and a half years ago. She had been in and out of hospitals frequently since the middle of 1954 and was in the hospital here for three weeks before the end came yesterday morning. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Rea is survived by three sons, J. L. Rea, jr., of Lumberton; John E. Rea, of Plymouth; Robert B. Rea, of Kinston, and eight grandchildren. She also leaves her stepmother, Mrs. James P. Ardrey, sr., of

New officers for the coming year will be installed by the Roper Ruritan Club at its meeting Thursday night of this week. The meeting will be held at the Methodist Church in Roper, starting with a dinner at 7 o'clock, followed by the installation program and a business session. V. B. Haire, of Jamesville, Ruritan district governor, will be the installing officer. Incoming officers elected at the November meeting of the club are as follows: Jesse Rawles, president; Giles Stallings, vice president; N. Worth Chesson, secretary; and J. S. Leary, treasurer. The board of directors is composed of W. E. Marrow, Sidney W. Spruill, T. W. Norman, and T. Reynold Spruill, the retiring president. The new officers will serve during the 1957 club year. The Roper Club now has 32 members and has been very active in community undertakings in recent years. Ten members of the club attended the Roanoke district convention held at the country club in Williamston Wednesday night of last week. Aubrey Dixon, past president of the Roper Club, was lieutenant governor for Zone 3 during the past year and headed the Roper delegation at the district meeting. At the meeting tonight, plans will be completed for holding a turkey shoot on Saturday, December 15, at G. G. Gaylord's Service Station on U. S. Highway 64, from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. Tickets are now on sale for the event, and the public is urged to patronize it.

Evaluate Family Life Workshop in County Meetings

Mrs. Velma Joyner of State Tuberculosis Association and Mrs. Georgia Barbee Lead Discussion

Committee Heads Announced Today

Family Life Workshop program launched in this county October 22-26 was continued last week when Mrs. Velma Joyner of the State Tuberculosis Association spoke Tuesday and Wednesday at special sessions conducted with parents and teachers in the Roper and Plymouth areas. Topics were: "Where Are We in Tuberculosis Control?" and "Obstacles to Tuberculosis Control." The Family Life Workshop held in October was evaluated at the meeting. Last Thursday evening Negro principals and seventh grade teachers met at Plymouth Elementary School with Mrs. Joyner and Mrs. Georgia Barbee, consultant, and health educator for Negro Schools of the School Health Coordinating Service, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. The program is being conducted here through the county health department with the cooperation of the schools and a number of interested individuals. Among those who have made significant contributions to the success of the program were listed Dr. Alban Papineau, president of the Washington County Medical Society; Miss Helen Meadors, nutritionist with the State Board of Health; Miss Dorothy Boone of the State Mental Hygiene Association; Dr. Helton McAndrew, clinical psychologist with the State Department of Public Welfare; the Rev. Robert L. Combs, minister of First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth; Carl L. Bailey, jr., Plymouth attorney; Dr. R. Vernon Jeter and Dr. E. W. Furgurson of Plymouth; Charles E. Spencer, director of School Health and Physical Education and co-director of School Health Department of Public Instruction; Miss Elizabeth Wood, county health nurse, R. F. Lowry, superintendent of Washington County Schools; Mrs. Joyner and Mrs. Barbee.

Rehearsals for the cantata have been held since October, Mr. Hutchins stated. Monday night, December 17, a non-commercial Christmas parade will be held, beginning at 7 o'clock. The Plymouth High School band and the glee club from Washington County Union School will take part, it is announced. A number of interesting floats are being prepared by various churches and civic clubs. Also, a community sing—like the cantata an idea of the combined

Hunter To Leave Council January 1; Dinkins Appointed

Member From Second Ward Plans To Move, Creating Vacancy; Other Matters At Meeting Monday Night

The Plymouth City Council Monday night accepted the resignation of Ralph Hunter as a councilman from the second ward, appointed C. W. Dinkins to succeed him, and disposed of a number of routine matters at their monthly meeting. Mayor A. J. Riddle presided, with five of the six council members in attendance: W. C. Hall and E. D. Keel of the first ward; J. E. Latham and Ralph Hunter of the second ward; and J. D. Mallory of the third ward. In his letter of resignation, Councilman Hunter explained that he was moving into his new home outside the city limits between now and the first of the year, making him ineligible to serve further on the council. His resignation is to be effective January 1, 1957, and the council acted favorably on his recommendation that C. W. Dinkins be appointed as his successor. It was stated that Mr. Dinkins had agreed to serve. Some minor changes in specifications of piping for the new water tank were approved by the council, after M. J. Heard, a representative of the town's engineering firm, Rivers and Rivers, of Greenville, explained the changes were made necessary by installation of the water-softening system. He stated that changes in specifications for the tank foundations would effect a saving of \$1,600 on the contract price, while the changed piping specifications would cost about \$1,700, making the net change of figures about \$100 more than originally contemplated. Bids for the water softening system are to be received and considered by the council on December 18, at 2 p. m. A resolution was adopted relieving the Virginia Electric & Power Company of any responsibility for claims arising through installation of Christmas lights on the streets here. This is a routine matter, usually adopted every year. Several other matters were discussed briefly at the session Monday night, including the ever-recurring dog problem. Police Chief P. W. Brown said a number of unclaimed dogs have been killed recently, and that citizens bothered

Start Canvass Today For Christmas Fund

Organization of Workers Completed at Roper and Creswell; Plymouth Territories Assigned

Lions Club Favors Training Program

The Plymouth Lions Club at its weekly meeting last week unanimously approved a motion to initiate steps to have a driver-training program instituted in the public schools here. Club President J. W. House appointed a committee consisting of Dr. B. W. Cutler, Frank L. Brinkley, J. W. Norman and C. W. Dinkins to confer with local school officials about the possibility of having the course instituted at the school. The matter was brought to the club's attention by a letter in last week's Roanoke Beacon written by Jesse G. Terry, license examiner here. In it he stated more driver education was needed to cut down the number of accidents and fatalities, both of which have reached record proportions in this county this year. Following a discussion by club members, they voted unanimously in favor of the driver-education program. See COUNCIL, Page 10

Ballot Tuesday on Quotas For Peanuts, Corn, Cotton

County Has \$175 Goal For Hungarian Relief

A quota of \$175 has been assigned to the Washington County chapter of the American Red Cross in a campaign among chapters in this county to raise \$5,000,000 needed for Hungarian relief. Dr. A. L. Whitehurst was notified of the quota in a letter from the Southeastern Area office at Atlanta, Ga. A statement made by E. Roland Harriman of the national headquarters of the American Red Cross, Washington, D. C., was quoted in the letter as follows: "The tragic suffering of the people of Hungary has caused every American to want to send help. This help has gone from the American Red Cross and we have been joined by other Red Cross societies throughout the world in rushing medical supplies, food, blankets and other necessities to the stricken area. It is reported that more than 83,000 refugees have already crossed over the Hungarian border and daily additional thousands pour into Austria. Dr. Whitehurst said no direct solicitations are planned here but anyone who desires to help may mail or turn in his contribution directly to Whitehurst, the chapter chairman, here.

Three Polling Places Announced for Crop Referendum Next Week; at Plymouth, Roper, Creswell

Polling places were announced this week by the county ASC office for the three-crop referendum on marketing quotas to be held Tuesday of next week. There will be the usual three polling places in the county—the Agriculture Building in Plymouth, Norman Chesson's store at Roper and C. N. Davenport's garage at Creswell, it was said. Peanut growers will vote on whether to extend marketing quotas for the crop to 1957, 1958 and 1959. All persons who share in the 1956-crop peanuts planted for harvest as nuts on a farm with a planted acreage in excess of one acre, it was said. This includes owners, landlords, operators, tenants or sharecroppers. A favorable vote of two-thirds of the growers who vote is necessary to approve use of quotas. If quotas are approved penalties on "excess" peanuts will be in effect and price supports to cooperators will be available at the full level. If quotas are disapproved, quotas and penalties will not apply and price support will drop to 50 per cent of parity. In either case, acreage allotments will remain in effect as a means of determining eligibility for price support. Cotton growers will decide on marketing quotas for the 1957 upland cotton crop. All farmers who engaged in production of upland cotton in 1956 are eligible to vote. Again, two-thirds will carry the referendum and if it is approved, quotas will be in effect with penalties on "excess" and price support at full level to cooperators. Disapproval would mean that price supports would drop to 50 per cent of parity and supports, of course, would go to those complying with allotments. Acreage allotments will continue in either case. Corn growers will vote on whether to put into effect "Soil Bank Base Acreages" as used this year, or return to the acreage allotment plan in effect for some years previously. If two-thirds or more of the farmers who vote favor base acreages, they will be used. If the corn base acreage program is approved, the base acreage for commercial counties will be 51 million acres for each year the program is in effect. There will be no corn acreage allotments. The price support level will be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture each year, in accordance with general directives in the controlling legislation. For 1957, the support level would be an average of \$1.31 a bushel. Farmers would qualify for price support by staying within the "national corn base acreage" and also taking part in the Soil Bank program. If the acreage allotment program is approved, acreage allotment for the commercial counties will be determined each year in accordance with legislation provisions. For 1957 the total acreage allotment would be 37,288,889 acres. Price support levels would range from 75 to 90 per cent of parity in accordance with the supply situation. For 1957, the average support level would be \$1.36 a bushel.

Beans Average At 44 Bushels

W. M. Thompson's soybeans seem to be an example of a crop benefitting from fertilizer applied to previous crops in the rotation, County Agent Guy M. Whitford observes. Mr. Thompson, who farms at Roper, reports yields up to 50 bushels an acre and an average of about 44 bushels. He planted the Lee variety, much of the land having been planted to corn last year and heavily fertilized. Beans were fruited from bottom to top of stalk, the county agent stated.

Howard J. Walker Seriously Injured In Auto Accident

Plymouth Youth, Cadet at Oak Ridge, Freed of Any Blame for Crash Which Cost Three Lives

Harrison-Sexton Case Is Settled

The \$50,000 slander suit filed with the clerk of court here September 15 by Celeste Harrison Harrison vs. Mildred Gurkin Sexton was settled out of court Friday of last week. Judgment that was entered in the case was in the nature of a settlement and retraction, or a withdrawing of the charges, it was stated. Attorneys in the case were W. M. Darden for the plaintiff and W. L. Whitley and the firm of Bailey and Bailey for the defendant. The complaint alleged slanderous remarks concerning plaintiff were made by the defendant to plaintiff's husband. At the civil term of superior court here last month a motion by defendant to require an amendment to the complaint and a bill of particulars thereupon was allowed in part and denied in part. The court also ordered one section of the complaint stricken out, ruling it not a proper part of the pleading in the action. VFW Auxiliary To Hold Poppy Sale on Saturday



Organized November 4th, the junior choir of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Plymouth is reported by their pastor to be doing a splendid job. Members of the choir are pictured above, as follows left to right: Front row: Charlie Petroff, Wilmer Grey Sullivan, Cora Sue Woolard, Gloria Waters, Jimmy Alligood, Marvin Waters, Sharon Miller, Danny Alligood and Billy Alligood; second row: Sherry Haire, Danny Everette, Russell Everette, Ralph Marriener, Linda Petroff, Nadine Petroff and Phyllis Sullivan; third row: Nancy Windley, Brenda Comstock, Ellen Phelps, Gary Phelps, Joey Phelps and Marie Myers.—Photo by Weaver Studio.

The VFW Auxiliary will hold its annual poppy sale here Saturday of this week, it is announced. Mrs. Woodrow Smith is chairman of the project. Members of the Junior Auxiliary will also help with the sale, the announcement stated.