hospital for sometime yet.

tending from here were Foster

Perkins, Joe Simon, Carl L. Bailey, jr., Walter Furlong, Dr. B. W. Cut-ler, Charles Walker and W. B.

Construction was begun Tuesday

of this week on the foundation for

the town's new water tank just off Washington Street Ext., Police Chief P. W. Brown reported. Mean-

while, Brown said, good progress

is being made by the crew which

is engaged in painting the old tank near the Municipal Building on

Rural Mailboxes

Swain warned this week.

Mr. Swain said that battering

and mutilation of boxes is believed

to be the work of teen-agers out

joy-riding. It seems, he said, that

drivers will slow down near the

"I hope the practice will be stop-

Being Battered

By Vandals, Said

East Water Street.

Blackburn, and their ladies.

THE ROANOKE BEACON

to the service of Washington County and its 13,000 people.

People of Plymouth and vicinity are invited to attend the Christmas VOLUME LXVII—NUMBER 50

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### Whitehurst was installed as chair man of the district and the install J. Shepherd Brinkley Next home to be visited will be that of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Waters the state, makes a total of \$320,ing officer was Roy F. Lowry. District reports were heard from G. E. Ashville, district executive. Awards **Heart Attack Victim** and recognitions were also made at the meeting. Among others at-

### Stores Remain Open Until 9:00

Holiday shopping activity has quickened somewhat in the past few days and is expected to get an additional boost when stores begin keeping later hours Friday of this week and nightly through Christmas Eve. Stores remained open until 9 p. m. last Friday but have been observing the regular closing time this

Larger-than-usual stocks are re-ported at many stores here this season and merchants generally are optimistic that shopping will be heavy throughout the pre-Christmas period.

### Boxes Near Plymouth and On Long Ridge Road Tar- Probable Cause Is gets for Soft Drink Bottles Found at Hearing | social affairs for the entire years of his residence in Plymouth. He was a member of the outh. He was a member of the

County Negro, Is Bound a member of the Washington County Library Commission.

boxes and someone in the cars then Negro, was bound over to the Jan- and other patriotic movements. He throws soft drink bottles at the uary criminal term of Washington boxes. Quite a few boxes have been County Superior Court under \$10, thus battered in, especially along 000 bond by Judge W. Ronald Gaythe route from Plymouth out the lord in recorders court here Tues-Long Ridge Road. Mr. Swain said day.

Bishop, charged with murder in he went out Tuesday and found four boxes bearing definite imprint the fatal stabbing last Saturday of of bottles, with the bottles used William Warren Pledger, Negro, to throw at the boxes lying in the about 30, near a notorious colored home in this county, was given a "Many persons have gone to preliminary hearing before Judge some pains to erect attractive mail. Gaylord who found probable cause boxes," the postmaster said, "and mutilation of boxes will not be witnesses. The law firm of Bailey tolerated." He said he has appealed and Bailey represented the defend-

to sheriff and patrolmen to watch ant at the hearing. First to take the stand was Florence Webb, young colored woman ped voluntarily," Mr. Swain com-mented. "If it is not discontinued the two men argued on her porchet we will be forced to call in a postal that Bishop opened a large pocket inspector and this will mean some-knife and threatened Pledger, that

# body is going to be in serious trouble." He reminded that tampering with mailboxes draws a stiff See MURDER, Page 8

Tuesday in the county with quotas voted for overwhelmingly. In the corn referendum the coun-

ty vote favored Soil Bank base

Breakdowns by polling places: of \$1,007.71 in hand. Every penny of this amount came from Plymouth, Mr. Bailey said.

Canvass by Saturday of this week Corn referendum—Roper, 49 for and turn in reports not later than lotteness. Soil Bank base, 17 for acreage altouth, Mr. Bailey said.

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December 16. To Coincide With Presentation of Can-

Three homes here will be open for the annual Christmas pilgrimden Club, it was announced this

tata at Plymouth Methodist Church. age will be reopened and will be school. concluded at 7:30 p. m. During the latter span tea will be served at the Episcopal Rectory on Madison Street and a silver offering will be taken for the benefit of the garden

Golf Road where the theme, by county voters at the election in November, not all the total amount used. The club committee at this will be available until May, 1959. home will be made up of Mrs. R. In order to avoid increasing the Vernon Jeter, chairman, and Mes-Vernon Jeter, chairman, and Mes-dames John Wood, Robert Darden posed to issue \$100,000 of county Swain, M. J. Polk and Louise Mc-

on Roanoke Avenue. Here "Rhap-sody in Gold" will be used as the heme. Committee at this home will be composed of Mrs. A. Lloyd ning to spend. Owens, chairman, Mesdames R. M. Bruce, J. L. Horner and W. A. Davidson and Miss Ida Davis.

Third home on the tour will be Leading Figure in Busi-Church on Madison Street, the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Several board members expressed will be "Christmas Joy." The committee to serve at the rectory is listed as Mrs. R. L. Combs, chairman, and Mesdames R. L. Hollowell, W. L. Whitley, S. A. Ward, sr., James N. Etheridge and Edward M. Spruill.

# List Three Homes Additions to Schools Here Special Programs On Annual Garden Club Pilgrimage Directed by County Board

Event, Slated for Sunday, Architect to Plan White High School and Two More Rooms for Local Colored School

Members of the Washington County Board of Education put in age sponsored by Plymouth Gar- a full day Monday trying to determine just where to start on the school construction program. They The pilgrimage will be held Sunday, December 16, same day on which combined choirs of the downtown churches will present a can- most recent schools built in this ata at Plymouth Methodist Church.
The pilgrimage will begin at 2:30 and cost estimates for a white high and close at 4:30 p. m. when the school building in Plymouth and cantata will be presented at the two additional classrooms for the church. At 5:30 p. m. the pilgrim-Plymouth colored elementary

The board was faced with the problem of deciding where to start on the building program, taking into consideration the limited funds available within the next two years. While the county is due \$180,000 First home to be visited will be from state bond issues of several that of Mrs. Clarence E. Ayers on years ago and \$500,000 authorized

> bonds in May, 1957, and an ad ditional \$40,000 worth in May, 1958. amount the board is presently plan-

After studying all phases of the program, the board Monday decided the two local projects were the most pressing. Mr. Boney was presthe Rectory of Grace Episcopal ent at the board meeting and help-M. Spruill. Theme to be carried out themselves as being opposed to planning anything right now except needed additional classroom space, although buildings at Creswhen the additional \$360,000 becomes available in 1959.

The architect was instructed to start on plans for a high school

While the county quota has not

raised in the state during the drive

last year the county raised al-

most \$3,500, oversubscribing its \$3,-

"Despite rather widespread use

year. He appealed to county chair-

man to prepare early for an all-

out campaign starting in January

Changes Made in

**Publishing Dates** 

holiday period for employees, publication of the next two issues

of The Beacon will be earlier than the regular publication

It is planned to print the issue

of December 20 Wednesday of

next week with the normal De

cember 27 issue to be printed Saturday of next week, following which the office and plant will

be closed through Christmas

Since publication will be ear-

lier for these issues it will be

necessary that all advertising,

correspondence and news copy

be in accordingly. Church not-

ices and other correspondence should be submitted just as soon

as possible to insure publication.
All existing deadlines will be one day earlier for the Decem-

ber 20 issue and copy for the fol-lowing issue should be in by Thursday of next week if at all

week, reopening for busine Monday, December 31.

000 quota.

Whereas nineteen hundred years ago an event occurred in Bethlehem of Judea which was to change the course of history and give to the world the glad, joyous season of Christmas;

And whereas Christmas is the one week during the year when heaven comes down on earth and the hearts of men are

And whereas it is the desire and purpose of our town and community to celebrate Christmas in a manner consistent with the life and principles of Him Whose birth we honor:

Now I do hereby make the following proclamation:

The week of December 16-23, 1956, shall be known as Christ in Christmas Week in the Town of Plymouth, the State of North Carolina. Further, I call upon all citizens of our town to properly observe this week, and to actively participate in the events which will be presented during this week.

Mayor, Town of Plymouth, N. C.

### 23 Units to Take Part In Christmas Parade

Expect Bands From Windsor and Edenton High Schools To Participate, Charles Hutchins Says

It is almost certain that two or more out-of-town bands will participate in the Christmas parade here next Monday night, Charles well and Roper will be considered Hutchins, committee chairman, reported Wednesday.

Hutchins said bands from Eden ton High School and Windsor High School see definitely, expected along with the Plymouth High School band and the glee club from Washington County Union

School at Roper.
The committee chairman said 23 Packaging Gift units will take part in the parade

including several floats.

Two blocks on Water Street will be cleared of traffic for the parade which is scheduled to begin at 7 o'clock, it was stated.

March of Dimes by Ward Stephens, to be presented at 4:30 p. m. Sunday at Plymouth Methodist Church by a choir of Vandalism directed at rural mailboxes in this county has reached such proportions that serious steps

Tound at fleating outh. He was a member of the city council for several years and helped to organize the Rotary Club has been appointed chairman of the such proportions that serious steps

Walter T. Furlong, of Plymouth has been appointed chairman of the march of Dimes Campaign in Washington County Stocking Fund, stated Wednesday of this residence in Plymouth has been appointed chairman of the march of Dimes Campaign in Washington County Stocking Fund, stated Wednesday of this week that work will begin uary. The appointment was announced last week by H. Rex EdiJ. Shepherd Brinkley who died last Wednesday of next week of filling son, of Gastonia, North Carolina, Saturday.

> been set, Edison stressed the need Friday nights of next week, beginpartment in charge. Much volunsurvey conducted by the county for a million dollar fund being ning at 8 o'clock each night.

during the time of the community port for duty next Wednesday. sing each night is requested.

### Tax Supervisor, of the Salk anti-polio vaccine in North Carolian this year," Edison said, "the job of wiping out polio is not finished. Polio is still with Listers To Meet us to a shocking degree, and we

ington County Board of Commis- Turner, committee chairman, at the and the tax listers of the various who have trucks and drivers avail-townships will be held at the court- able for distribution of the Christhouse at 7 o'clock Thursday night mas boxes are requested to contact

Dewey S. Spruill, Scuppernong Township; Wade S. Hardison, Lees ouck, Plymouth Township.

### Candlelight Service Will Be Held at School Here Sunday

Plymouth Elementary School school auditorium at 6 o'clock Sunday evening.

The glee club with 75 voices un ler the direction of Miss Grace W. Dickerson will have charge of the program. Mrs. Abbie B. Johnson driver strike. will be at the piano.

The public is invited to be present and to attend "Open House" after the program.

### **Induction Call** 10 for January

An induction call for 10 registrants, largest in many months, has been received by Selective Service Board No. 95 here to be filled on January 30, Mrs. Lor-raine Hunter, board clerk, reported this week.

Mrs. Hunter said the board has not received a pre-induction call for anuary

## Boxes To Start Next Wednesday

events will open with a cantata, "Christ Is the Hope of the World,"

Will Re Nooded for Test Will Be Needed for Task;

A combined choir will sing The job will be done in the audi-A combined choir will sing The job will be done in the audithe greatest poundage per acre Christmas carols at the foot of torium of the Agriculture Building and Hicks had the highest value, Washington Street Thursday and here with the county welfare deteer help is needed and Mr. Weaver Cooperation of motorists in keep-requests that those who can spare ing vehicular traffic off the street a few hours in doing this work re-

the Christmas boxes.

Also, it was stated, solicitors are asked to complete their work by ceived. Saturday of this week and to

Anyone who has usuable toys to A special meeting of the Wash- donate is asked to contact Monroe ioners, the county tax supervisor telephone office here. Also, those poundage, total sales, average Jack House, jr., in charge of dis- 916.07, 1,936, \$34.20; Hicks, 4, 10.95,

# Are Slated Here By Most Churches

Various Activities of Christmas Week Announced, Including Programs of Worship, Music

Several local churches will ob-erve the Christmas season with special programs of worship, of music and of a social nature.

For the Ludford Memorial Bap tist Church, the Rev. Paul B. Nickens, pastor, the week of December 10-14 will be a Christmas program week for all of the circles of the Women's Missionary Society. During this week they will all have their annual Christmas programs and parties. On Wednesday night, December 19, a carol service will be held in the church. The church will participate in the Community Carol Service in front of the City Market, Thursday and Friday nights, December 20 and 21. Then at the evening worship service, Sunday, December 23, the Senor Choir will present the annual Christmas Cantata.

The Plymouth Church of the Nazarene announces Christmas programs for Sunday, December 23, at 7:30 in the evening. At this time the annual Sunday School Christ-mas program will be given. Recitations, exercises and songs will be given by the children under the direction of Mrs. Ray Brown.
Christmas gifts will be exchanged
by the Sunday School pupils. On
Christmas Eve, carolling will be
done by the PAL Club. Shut-ins and the aged of the community will be visited by the group. They will meet at the parsonage for re-freshments following the carolling. For the morning service, Sunday, December 23, the pastor, the Rev. John R. Soloky, will preach on the text: "They Followed a Star." Mrs. Soloky will sing "Star of the East"

as a solo in this service. Christmas activities at the First Christian Church of Plymouth, according to the Rev. C. N. Barnette, minister, are as follows: The Christian Women's Fellowship entertained their husbands, Monday evening, December 10, with a covered dish supper and Christmas program. This consisted of carol singing, special music, exchanging of gifts, bringing toys for the Community Empty Stocking Fund project and

See PROGRAMS, Page 4

### Hicks Variety Is Top for Value in Survey in County

Average Value Per Acre of \$978.70; Coker 139 Top Variety as to Poundage, Survey Shows

Of tobacco varieties grown in this county in 1956 Coker 139 produced according to figures obtained in a agent's office here.

County Agent Guy M. Whitford said 245 farmers were sent ques-tionnaires on tobacco variety performance with only 45 replies re-

Replies were from growers with promptly turn in money collected a total acreage of 200.61 producing to Carl L. Bailey, sr., Finance chair- 316,956 total pounds which sold for man, or Moye Spruill, treasurer of \$145,911.85. Average poundage per acre of \$727.34.

Listed in order of variety, num ber replies, total acreage, total poundage and average money per

Coker 139, 11, 49.15, 95,156, \$45, of next week.

Purpose of the meeting is to administer the oath of office to the supervisor and list takers and to establish uniform prices for listing livestock, poultry and other such in the appeal as last. There were 306 families 24 40 32 702 \$12,9840 1348 livestock, poultry and other such items of property in the annual listing which is held during the month of January.

Hubert L. Davenport of Skinnersville is county tax supervisor and list takers, by townships, are:

Demont S. Spruill. Scupperport.

## Mill Township; W. W. White, Skin-nersville Township; and W. A. Roe-Seek to Abandon All **Bus Routes in Section**

Among 15 routes for which Caro- Williamston to Columbia over US lina Coach Company has applied to 64 via Plymouth, Roper, Scupperwill present its 14th annual Christ- the State Utilities Commission for nong and Creswell. mas Candlelight Service in the authority to abondon are two which

The county has been without bus

authority to abondon are two which would, if abandoned, leave Plymouth and Washington County completely without bus service.

The county has been written to know what will be The county has been without bus service since November 8 due to a he knows nothing except what he driver strike.

Listed among routes the bus company wants to abandon are from Edenton to NC 32 over US 64 between Roper and Scuppernong, and should be lodged.

# **Stocking Fund Drive** Far Short of Its Goal

Empty Stocking Fund was almost and that some of the labor unions are to be heard from.

The first firs \$1,500 short of its quota, with time are to be heard from. rapidly running out.

Carl L. Bailey, sr., Finance com-

The chairman strongly emphasiz-

ed the need for all Fund workers Carl L. Bailey, sr., Finance com-mittee chairman, reported the sum canvass by Saturday of this week uth, Mr. Bailey said.

will be necessary to place the order well, 22 and 13;
The committee chairman estimat- with the wholesaler Monday of next Cotton referen

Final Rites Sunday for Owner of Local Theatres;

John Shepherd Brinkley, 53, wner and operator of the Plymouth, Daly and Plymouth Drive-In Theatres here, died in the Washington County hospital about 11 o'clock Saturday morning, followng a heart attack earlier that day. His health had been declining since he first suffered a heart attack about three years ago, although he recovered to some extent and con was removed to the hospital around o'clock where he remained until he end came a few hours later.

By Bloodmobile Here

the end came a few hours later. His sudden passing was a severe shock to his many friends through-

during the war years helped to di-Willie Bishop, 50-year-old county for the sale of war savings bonds year. was also a leader in the Boy Scout program here some years ago gram during 1956 to 367, compared when a fund was started which led with a total of 355 pints during

eventually to construction of the 1955. present Scouting building. Gertrude Shepherd Brinkley, Mr. rejectees was quite low. Actually, Brinkley was born in Suffolk, Va., there were only two. on October 30, 1903. An accom plished musician, he began playing the piano for a Suffolk theatre when he was 14 years of age. Graduating from Jefferson High School! there in 1920, he began to devote his entire time to the entertainment business, going from Suffolk to New York City, where he studied pipe-organ music under the late

Jesse Crawford. Becoming associated with War

### See BRINKLEY, Page 8 Referendum Vote Light in County

Unofficial returns released by the ASC office here show a light vote in the crop referendum held

At 3:45 p. m. Wednesday the here have not made a report yet, acreages over the acreage allottas were 63 to 3 and 158 to 4, re-

The committee chairman estimated solicitations in the business area of Plymouth to be "from 80 to 90 strongly urged to get busy and per cent complete." However, he said there were several "expressions of intent" yet to be fulfilled, including the divisions of intent, and the project has a that some house-to-house solicitors with the wholesaler Monday of next control of next the work and the wholesaler Monday of next control of next the work. All solicitors are therefore therefore therefore the week. All solicitors are therefore therefore the work and the form 0 against; Creswell, 26 for, 1 against; Plymouth, 53 for, 2 against; Plymouth, 53 for, 2 against; Plymouth, 53 for, 2 against; Creswell, 38 for, 2 against; Creswell, 38 for, 2 against.

With the wholesaler Monday of next therefore the work and the work and the work and the form 0 against; Creswell, 26 for, 1 against; Plymouth, 53 for, 2 against; Creswell, 38 for, 2 against.

# Serving on the committee for the tea will be Mrs. W. Roy 1 np-ton, sr., and Mrs. Carl Hackbarth. Early Saturday morning he had a severe attack at his home and and

one this section. In addition to his heatre interests, Mr. Brinkley was active in local civic, religious and Giving Blood Last Friday; Furlong To Head Brings Total for Year to

quarterly visit to Plymouth and uary. The appointment was an-Over To January Court He always took a leading part in obtained only 44 pints of blood.

The always took a leading part in obtained only 44 pints of blood.

Previous low here was the 48 Previous low here was the 49 chairman of the March of Dimes pints secured December 21 of last Campaign.

> Friday's results brought the total number of pints given to the pro-

There was one bright note to the Son of the late John Jacob and picture Friday-the percentage of

> Acknowldgements included the ladies of Ludford Memorial Baptist Church and Mrs. Carlyle Hall will have many more cases next who was in charge for refreshments donated and served to blood donors by the group; Mrs. Gewn Walsh and Miss Elizabeth Wood, volunteer nurses; Mesdames Paul Nickens Emily Nelson, Mildred Keel, Mildred Collins, Louise Fleming, Margaret Waters and Ruby Sessom

clerical and other help. The next bloodmobile visit here is scheduled for March 5 of next

The following responded Friday: M. H. Williams, jr., Fred H. Williams, Mrs. Edna Elks, A. J. Ange, jr., C. A. Cratch, T. G. Gardner, Mrs. Themise S. Hall, Mrs. Emme Blount, W. C. Hall, Mrs. Doris R. Edmondson, Rev. Paul B. Nickens, Mrs. Eva A. Riddick;

H. M. Ramsey, Perry M. Dickens Mrs. Maxine W. Bowen, Mrs. Alma F. Williams, Mrs. Flonnie Joyner Edward F. Swain, Charles B. Hutchins, Pearly Ray Craddock, Roy Manning, jr., Mrs. Beulah Bickerstaff; Mrs. Vivian Culbreth, Aubrey

Dixon, L. L. Sawyers, Robert Ange, Well, 22 and 13;

Cotton referendum — Plymouth, M. Alexander;

4 for 0 against M. Alexander;