ten Utilizies Commissioner LEIGH, N. C., Jan 4—(UF)

The year 1836 in the Borth Caralina Utilities Commission was marked by strides forward in securing electric rate reductions, telephone cuis and sweeping freight rate lowerings.

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Debt Adjustment Service which is now a part of the Rural Rehabili-tation Program of the Resettle-ment Administration.

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Two especially notable cases of the year were those of the rate reduction of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company and that of the Emergency Freight charges.

After a lenghty hearing before the commission which began the previous year and probably the longest court hearings in the history of the state, an agreement was reached whereby the commission secured reductions throughout the exchanges of the Bell system amounting to \$350,000 year-ly. In this decision a limit of 18 months was put on the differentiel payment on hamlets and re-lieved all subscribers who had al-ready paid for a term of 18 monthe from any further payment.

In the Emergency Freight Charges case the commission refused to continue these charges which the rail carriers had been applying since April 18, 1935, to July 1, 1936; notwithstanding the fact that the Interstate Commerce, ranted this priv ilege to the carriers on interstate traffic in North Carolina. The carriers took the refusal of this Commission to permit these charges to the Interstate Commerce Commission which, after a hearing, sustained the State Commission in its action.

Throughout the year there was a formal hearing on the average of one a week, a number of which were lenghty and involved. In addition to these formal act-

ions there were more than 300 complaints filed with the commission involving every phase of regulation. Adjustments and disposition in most cases have been made.

With the exceptions of the Southern Bell Telephone and Tele-firaph company, all reductions we-re secured by conferences with the utilities involved.

Associate Commissioners Fred L. Seely of Asheville and Frank W. Hanft of Chapel Hill, have been called into numerous import-ant hearings and have rendered valuable service to the people of

matter of major importance ready to be insued in a cita-to the rail carriers to appear te the commissioner and above why the interstate rates it not be reduced.

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Mr. Marshburn calls attention to the fact that voluntary committees, composed of public spirited citizens working without pay,
other than actual expenses, have
been organized in every county to
help with this Farm Debt Adjustment Service. These committees meet with the debtor and creditor, try to have the debt reduced in ac-cordance with the debtor's ability to pay, or to get the debtor more time in which to pay off the debt, or to find a new creditor.

To work with the Bural Rehabilitation Supervisors and with the county committees, and espec-ially to handle the knottier prob-lems on or more Farm Debt Speclems, on or more Farm Debt S ialists have been assigned in each

is an emergency situation threat-ening immediate forcelestive. Ms. G. W. E. Pittman is the debt spe-cialist or Form Debt Adjustment Supervisor, as he is technically called, covering this and several adjoining counties.

## Specialists Advise Scientific Methods

Another year with its uncertain welter of fortune or misfortune has been ushered in for N. Caro-

The New Year is a good time to begin applying more scientific practices to farms, say specialists at State College. The use of the latest approved practices will result in better yields in the case of crops and in better aminals and birds in the case of livestock and

Practically every subject per- nights taining to the farm and to the

Monday, Dr. C. D. Grithelle, "Catthe Santtetion;" Tunnday, G. M.
Swicegood, "4-H. Club Work in
Wake County"; Wodnesday, Zoelogy Department; Thursday, Miss
Anameric Arant, "Better Home Practices for 1637"; Friday, Roy
8. Dearstyne, "Which Way are We
Fointing in Poultry Production?"
and Saturday, C./B. Clevenger,
"Building Your Soil". "Building Your Soil".

### Dr. H. A. Edward DELWINE

WARSAW Monday, Friday, Saturday; KENAMSVILLE, Tuerday; BEULAVILLE, Wednesday; Bichlands, Thursday; PINK HILL, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

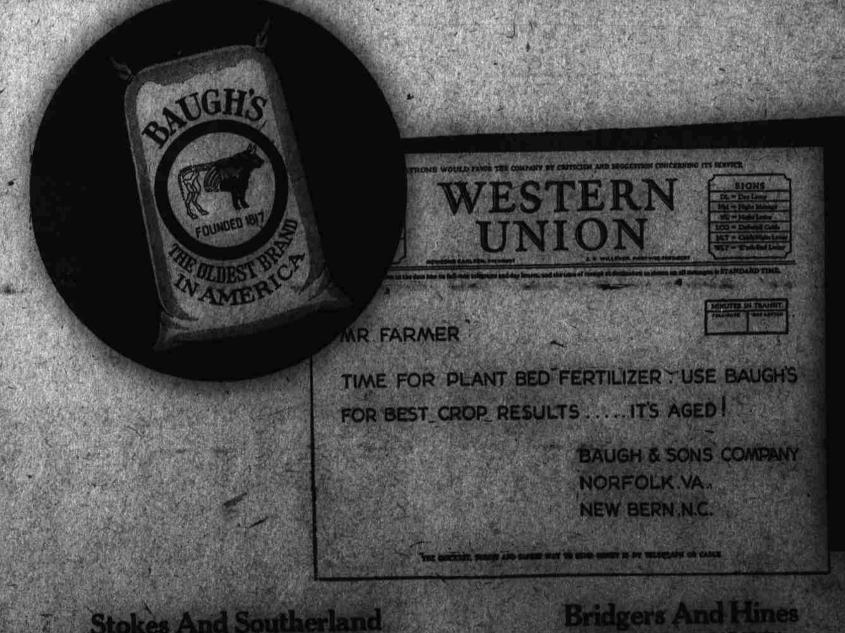
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