comes to begin our sk and we set to work in several more years in of that our masterplece restore the locks in the Albeso the supreme perform-

the thing is done and step out of our shop to age to the game interests of plandits of mankind we Currituck and Back Bay done at nobody even notices by salt water and caused by the piece, but instead they ing some little poem that off one evening after years ago, is the belief of many ben we sat, worn-out, out who attended the appeal from porch in our sock-feet! the District Engineer's report.

its too seriously. That held in Washington Wednesnoble effort which, we day, ald make us secure in Fame nobody cares for: Commissioner for North Carolina. tittle thing that we did was in Elizabeth City Thursday on moment almost unknow- his way home from the meeting, and makes us great.

ated to find out what storing the locks, and that he did couldn't judge you when not see how the Board of Army king a speech or leading Engineers would fail to reverse the de or straining yourself report of Col. Jewett District Engist of some mighty enters neer, who recommended some wait until I could catch months ago against the restoration before the fire with of the locks. off playing with the cat It is then that you cluding Senators Swanson and Sim-And in such moments mons, Governor MeLean, of North our greatest work.

triting sermons and treatere now forgetten. It was n he was locked up in jail gave up all this which be DARN GOOD SORT more serious and importand wrote "Pilgrims Prothe even said in his intro-

thought to make not what; nor did I under-

by to please my neighbour

it my own self to gratify. little we know what is im-

and what is not! all Phillips labored like a a his Gettysburg speech and the Virginia Dare Hotel Monemembers it. Abe Lincoln day evening, Nov. 19, That's wn a few notes on an old

that made him immortal. well David Grayson ob-How we travel in dark. do. the work we do in all counts for maught, and first year in Elizabeth City is a we toss off in play-time, darn good sort. A man in dealing usly. God uses."

one great only as we man-

ggle and strain along the of some Herenlean underat our best work is usual-

is netivities. yet that is the very improving with every rehearsal. He our fool mands to be like the town in a concert before long day a week ago. Down came the

never impressive until in prise. merded mement when you ying to impress anybody. t a crowd or painted hyper

retailly we conceal behind d marsks our true selves. ing about us worth show-

all respect to the seriouscontact that while you're or brain trying to proale of the century that bid for fame is more some fittle jingling ay fully tossed off in your

at your best when you The sorriest picworld are formed photo-I've never yet seen one of like the original. An tional snapshot, taken weren't looking is the only

is best picture of yourself esterity is one taken when ": boking!

are a lasting and approrisimus gift. See DR. J. HAWAY, Eye Sight Special-

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LOCKS IN CANAL

Engineer Vigorously Assail-

ed in Washington

marle & Chesapeake canal and

thereby begin to undo the dam-

removal of the locks some

Capt. John A. Nelson, Fisheries

declared that sense and sentiment

was overwhelmingly in favor of re-

There was a large attendance, in-

Carolina: Representatives Deal and

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THIS MAN JONES

Get The Youth of The

Town on His Side

Prof. J. A. Jones, superin-

tendent of city schools will en-

tertain the twenty football

players of the Elizabeth City

High School at a banquet at

But this man Jones who is in his

advantage of the offer.

Don't Forget

to Christmas Seal

your Christmas

That the Government will

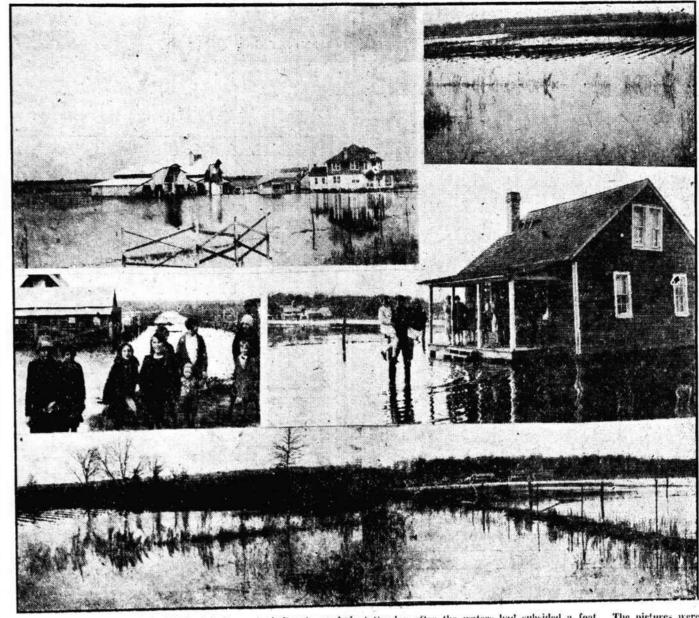
ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1927.

THIS WEEK

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FOURTEEN PAGES IN TWO SECTIONS

#### Flood Scenes In Upper Pasquotank County Rival Mississippi Valley



HERE are some snapshats of the big flood in Pasquotank County, made last Sunday after the waters had subsided a foot. The pictures were made on Blackacre Farm, owned by Walter L. Cohoon of Elizabeth City, the father of drainage, who showed his faith in his works by investing upwards of \$50,000 in Tadmore dirt. Newland is up in arms this week, discussing the probable value of drainage, and some of its opponents say Seems To Knew Just How To a "man gets about what is coming to him in this world." The upper picture shows the flood waters about the house and buildings on Blackacre, and the waters over the newly tilled fields. Center left hard picture shows the county road through the Cohoon farm which looked then like a caral, while the right hand picture shows how the women folks and children got away from their houses in the Tadmore area. Bottom pictures are more waterscapes of Tadmore. Snapshots by Victor Meekins.

## WE PAY TOO MUCH FOR OUR ELECTRIC CURRENT

Municipal Ownership Makes Light and Power Users Pay High Rates To Cut Down Somebody's Taxes

## What Makes consumers of electric light cur-Prof. Newbold rent supplied by the city are paying 12 cents per K. W. for A Little Sore the transmission lines of the

Prof. N. C. Newbold, State are paying 81/2 cents for. Director of Negro Education, a frequent visitor to Elizabeth cents for the same current that City, says that he hopes to live other towns are paying 31/2 cents for to see the day when he can It is a fact that electric current come to Elizabeth City without supplied to homes and business entertaining a feeling of hurt Power Co. In towns where that cour and indigation.

road from the city limits on South buys the current from the super orn Ave, to the State Normal School, power company and sells it to the The State of North Carolina has citizens.

white schools. The State maintains with the retail light and power at Elizabeth City a Normal School schedules of the Virginia Electric for the training of colored teachers, & Power Co, and the city of Eliz The State has invested more than aboth City from which the reader a quarter of a million dollars here, can make his own deductions. The The school spends many thousands power company's rates are as folof dollars annualy in Elizabeth City lows: for labor, for fuel, for building materials for provisions and other things. Its faculty and students RATE spend many thousands of dellars First among Elizabeth City stores on their Next

The State Normal School is a Next valuable asset to Elizabeth City; Next recognized by the officials of the Excess over 30,000 kilowattcounty who have failed for twenty five years to cooperate, with the

Elizabeth City's domestic current that other towns of Virginia Electric & Power Co

pany controls the distribution and Prof. Newbold has reference to sale of current is much cheaper than he neglected bull mile of county in Elizabeth City where the town

o train Negro teachers for its. This newspaper publishes here

Kilowatt 100 kilowaft-hours \$0 085 150 kilowatt-hours 0.06 450 kilowatt-hours 0.045 Next 1.800 kilowatt-hours 0.035 7.000 kilowatt-hours 0.09 fact lats never been Next 20,000 kilowatt-hours 0.025

The city's rate for light current is State in building and maintaining a subject to discounts, but the disdecent read or sidewalk to the counts do not begin to bring the electric light bill down to anything like the rate at which consumers buy direct from the power company Based upon a rate of 12c per K. W the city allows the following dis

| commes:            | <br>4.1         |
|--------------------|-----------------|
|                    | Rate of         |
| Gress Bill         | Discount        |
| \$ 1.32 to \$ 6.00 | <br>5 per cent  |
| . 6.01 to: 18.00   | <br>10 per cent |
| -18.01 to - 36.00  | <br>15 per cent |
| 36.01 to - 60.00   | <br>20 per cent |
| 60.01 to 100.00    | <br>25 per cent |

In other words if you use 100 K. W. a t12c less 10% discount you pay Out of Currifuck this week \$10.80 for current that residents of A SIZZLING LOVE NOTE comes a strange story that ranks with the weird tales of 300 K. W. costing you \$36.00 gross. many soldiers who were miss- your discount is 15 per cent. your ing in action in the World War, net bill will be \$24.00. But if you Albert Hessler, a modest citi- were located in a town where the zen of German birth who owns consumer you could buy the stude

Rate Ter K. W 7.2 cents 2nd 100 K. W. Hours 5.6 cents 1.7 cents 1.6 cents Hours 2nd to 5th 1,000 K. W. 1.1 cents Hours (inc.) 6th to 10th 1,000 K. W. Hours (inc.) 3.4 cents Primary Current

Instead of reducing the price of electric current to the citizen, muniknown to have owned in Currituck clipal ownership in the case of Eliz-County. They retained a lawyer, aboth City has made it high. The reason of course is well known

Geo. J. Spence of Eligabeth City, ad- to those who have thought about it vising him to proceed with an action at all. The city is indirectly taxing to sell all of Mr. Hessler's property its citizens who use electric current. in Currituck for division among his making an excessive profit out of lawful heirs. Mr. Spence had never the sale and distribution of electric current to meet expenses that should properly be met by direct

The Elizabeth City Public utiliries Commission has been getting away with its high tariff in great shape but just how long the folks are going to stand for it is problematical. Some day the folks are going to demand cheaper current.

The Public Utilities Commission pays the Virginia Electric & Power Co. two and a quarter cents per K. W. Hour for the current it retails

"Marriage," said the smart aleck, is like a railroad crossing sign. When you meet a pretty girl you stop, then you look, and after you are married, you listen."

## TADMORE LOOKS LIKE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Farms Flooded in Upper Pasquotank Drainage left home four years ago. something unusual for a school District When Dam Breaks in Gates superintendent in this town to County; Damage \$40,000 or More

Swept by flood waters that ELIZ. CITY BOY KILLED poured down in a mighty torlem on his hands. To get a school rent from the great Dismal dents thru various avenues. The of the blacklands of Newland this week, by a Mexican bandit, ac- trade coupens same as cash. approach can nearly always be made township were inundated, and in the school room. And so one a dozen or more farmers may hen we stray off into some finds this Prof. Jones doing a lot sustain damage to crops, stock ay and let our souls come of work thru the campus, encourage and property to the amount of ing the boys and girls in their \$40,000 last week, according to

are when you are not that he is in sympathy with their conservative estimates of farmathleties and other extra-curricular ers in the vicinity. Fully 12,000 bushels of corn left Early in the term Prof Jones dissistanding in the fields were swept be only person like your- evered that no one had ever thought down by the flood of waters that world and the most res of a male glee club for the high wept across the lands when the dam school; to-day he has 25 youngsters of the Old Jones Mill Pond in the and distinct person, in a glee club singing hopefully and Gates county broke under the pent are conceal and hide and says he's going to spring them on up force of the rains that fell Sunand give everybody an enjoyable sur, water from Gates into Pasquotank.

the right school rootban team and the strophe is that it recurred in couples, enabling them to control raise bell when it wants something; there are three or jour others who but Drainage District Number One, the size of their families and not that it is cute to be saucy and incommit quite make the team out that its parents and who have been helpful to it. Prof. where \$100,000 has been spent for a have more children than they could pudent; and that its parents and Jones will have them all at the ban- great ditch several miles in length provide for." quet Monday night. He says he rea on the silly show of life great alone that you are great that he isn't able to entertain the waters that you are the whole school, but he has arrangs many years have proved a menace trol, societies out of business by ed with Manager Johnson of the Virsto agriculture in the Tadmore sees beating them to it in the matter of ed with Manager Johnson of the Virginia Dare to make a special price tion of Pasquotank County. And supplying the needed information unreasonable, wasteful and more or of \$1.00 to any friends of the boys the worst sufferer from the flodd is and the accessories." Walter L. Cohorn, the father of the "Doesn't the druggist's conscience who want to sit in at the feast. A complete the district, trouble him?" asked the Bank Clerk, unmber of fans are going to take act which established the district, trouble him?" asked the Bank Clerk, dren coming along fast enough they has been complaining that the new and who was instrumental in seeing the construction of the canal brought "Conscience scon ceases to be a

flood of water that covered the of drugs and patent medicines, \$01 tank, one must understand that this man in the drug business soon loses is a great level plain of low country, all respect for and confidence in some 1.500 acres or more in extent, humanity when he sees what fools some 1.500 acres or more of extent, they are in pinning their faith in on the edge of the great. Dismat they are in pinning their faith in truth is that if you give them only stand rough wear. But officer on the edge of the great Dismat dectors and nostrums. If he didn't the number of children they can find Howard Harris comes along and quotank. Through this area runs get their mency, they would throw the State Highway which is built it to the first faker who came along on the banks of the canal and con- and offered them a cure-all in a nects Gates and Pasquotank through | bottle," the heart of the swamp.

Tadmore, Walter L. Cohoon, the owner of 350 acres of land beside

was stabled by the Mexican whom he was trying to arrest. He had recently written to his relatives htat he was planning to come home to spend the Christmas holidays. He

Harrison, he is survived by three brothers, Everett Harrison of Elizabeth City, William Harrison of Baltimore and Charles Harrison of Oklahoma City. BY A MEXICAN BANDIT

Trade in Elizabeth City, Pay Cash Clude Harrison, a former Eliz- and be Thrifty. Use INDEPENtem on ats names. To get a sensor Swamp, upwards of 1,500 acres aboth City boy was killed in Texas DENT Co-operative Advertisers' Anyway, All The Mail in The Virginia of the start of the



NO BIRTH CONTROL FOR THE SODA JERKER "What's become of the Birth Con- to learn things and its ideas of life

trol Movement in this country?" are shaped in infancy, asked the Bank Clerk of the Soda | "Give a married couple only one

"What you mean, birth control?" asked the Soda Jerker.

bothersome piece of luggage in the

The swamp itself is some eight trol?" asked the Bank Clerk.

ideas whatever about it It begins Specialist.

baby to play with and the chances are 99 in 100 that they will humor it, coddle it and spoil it incurably, "I'm speaking of the movement By the time it is five years old ago to make contraceptive knows world was made for its especial Saliba; "I have an idea that the fire years before. Officials of Balticovering the lands to a depth of that was pretty strong some years it has got the idea that the whole There are seventeen members of the High School football team and And the ironical thing about the ledge available to all married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the High School football team and the ironical thing about the ledge available to all married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the interest of the seventeen members of the married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the interest of the married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the interest of the married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the interest of the married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the interest of the married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the married benefit; that all it has to do is to be the married benefit; the married benefit in the married benefit; the married benefit in the married bene everybody about it were made to wait on him. He grows up to be a bad citizen; discourteous to his HOWARD HARRIS SPILLS neighbours; selfish in his dealings.

she wants them, but the everlasting

mess of raising 'em."

"Are you in favor of birth con- Your eyes are as delicate as they out of the bushes and briars, his are important. When overworked uniform would have a better ap-"I used to be, but I aint any they send their distress signal thru pearance. The cloth is all right, rece migner than much of the sur-rounding farm lands, particularly more," said the Soda Jerker. "You the nervous system to all parts of but is just wasn't built for bushes see it's like this; most of the mean, the body. You cannot carry on your and briars," vicious, tyrranical, hateful, cruel and work and remain healthy with bad unbearable folks in this work get eyes. Proper glasses insure GOOD Trade in Elizabeth City, Pay Cash the swamp, conceived the idea of their start as spoiled bables. A VISION and HEALTH, Consult, and be Thrifty. Use INDEPENa drainage district, and was sue buby comes into the world with no DR, J. D. HATHAWAY, Eye Sight DENT Co-operative Advertisers'

# relatives. Mr. Harrison who was a deputy sheriff at the Hondo. Texas

ett home tour years ago.
Beside his mother Mrs. William Man Who Is Officially Dead, Objects to His Widow and Orphans Selling Him Out of

HOTEL FIRE LAID TO

Some nice thoughtful chap, male a farm and much other valueurrent for \$18.00. his or her burning eigarette on the able property at Maple has just | Motor rates are higher in Elizhis or her burning eigarette on the ance property at stapic has just aboth City under municipal owner-carpet dropped the burning fag into learned that he is dead, and he ship schedules than in the other the Cutler mail chute in the Vir- has no means of proving that towns. Here are Elizabeth City's iginia Dare Hotel Saturday night and burned up the entire contents he is alive. of the mail box in the lobby before Mr. Hessler was officially proa carrier from the post office could nanneed dead by officials of Balti-

things these slow products of evolu-corpse and declared it was no other tion will do," observed N. Howard than the last mortal remains of the 5th and 6th 100 K. W.

"I don't believe it was a cigar- departed without ceremony from his lette at all," declares Dr. John wife and two daughters some six of Assistant Manager Collings, two daughters at Bel Air, Maryland, worth's red hot love missives; I and the corpse was ordered to be think Collingsworth should write furned over to them for burial. And his love letters on asbestos."

### BEANS ON BEN ROUGHTON disposing of property which he was

with other people; hoggish, greedy, Ben Roughton, police officer, has been wanting to get welften up a "If his parents had other chil- long time so here goes. Roughton "Not a bit," said the Soda Jerker, wouldn't have the opportunity to policemen's uniforms won't stand coddle the first one too much and rough wear and tear. He likes the they certainly wouldn't have the uniforms otherwise, because they To get a picture of the immense life of a man who deals in the sale time to spoil the others. That's make the officers look handsomer why I have my present doubts about and wiser, and even all Walter flood of water that covered the great Tadmore section of Pasques that he hasn't a conscience, but a the value of birth control; it's all Wood's girls who frequent Main mighty nice to talk about a woman's Street, cast Their eyes across the right to have children only when street to see a policeman nowadays. Ben is sure the uniforms won't

time to raise they make a helluva punches holes thru his argument. "I have tried to tell Ben," says Officer Harris, "that if he would keep

## **BESOLD OUTTOMORROW**

House and Home in Currituck County

Burned Up

be found to unlock the box and put more, after a body had been found 1st 100 K. W. Hours "It is most expaserating the crude own brother had identified the 3rd and 4th 100 K. W. and the fire

Smith.

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then the fun began.

In order to better serve its advertisers and to release our entire printing force to take care of late rush orders for Holiday Greeting Cards and other Christmas printing. The Independent will go to press Wednesday of next week, going in the mails Wednesday night and reaching the subscriber Thursday morning Dec. 22.

#### THE INDEPENDENT OUT EARLY NEXT WEEK

dead in a rooming house, and his

lamented brother Albert who had

The relatives of the supposedly

late lamented Mr. Hessler, set about

and he in turn wrote to Attorney

Advertisers may cooperate by preparing their advertising early for next week's edition.