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Crump Takes The

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SCHOOL BOARD

The whisperings regarding the

election or selection of teachers in

the city schools for the coming

year were increased after the

Board of Graded School trustees

met Monday night, failed to com-

plete the election of teachers,

turned the job over to Acting

Superintendent Earl H. Hartsell.

whether the school board was "pass-

ing the buck" when it bestowed up-

one Mr. Hartsell the dubious privi-

lege of passing upon the applica-

tions of teachers. In years past, it

has been the superintendent's duty

to approve or reject applications,

turning the approved applications

over to the School Board to be pass-

ed upon or rejected. Thus, altho

the Board had the final say as to

the personell, the Superintendent's

authority was actually greater than

that of the Board. But now Super-

intendent Hartsell has the stole

power of accepting or rejecting an

There is some speculation as to

SHIFTS D

ad Every Friday by W. O. Sau at Elizabeth City, N. C.

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE Outlook is For WHO A MAN WORKS FOR Fancy Prices For Early May Peas

A Tale From Real Life of Two Men Who Lost Their Jobs-Sam. Overman and R. C. Jones

Last week Elizabeth City had a suicide; R. C. Jones, formerly manager fer a chain store in this city had lost his job, brooded much over his loss of income and a huppless outlook, grew despondent, sought peace of mind in death.

Another man who lo t his job with a store in this town 15 years ago and had not had another jrb since that time, died only this week.

Efficen years ago next August ; man for what was then R. E. Quinn & Co., Poindexter St. furniture dealsamuel J. Overman, a floor sales-From August until the following RAIDED, January his firm paid his full RAIDED, Jalay, From Jan 1919 From Jan. 1918 until this 12:814 week Quinn's store paid Mr. Overman 50 per cent of his old salary. In 1920 the firm of R. E. Quinn & Co. changed hands; but Sam Overman's name stayed on the store's For Sam Overman never navroll. went back to work. After being sricken by blindness he developed bowel consumption and was an inralid until his death at his home en Southern Ave. Monday after-

This newspaper picked up this intheir stores are cleaner and more club rooms modern than the stores of some of They flashed their lights around year as last, butziddoz

His eye-sight gone, his health de- 'nothing unusual was going on. he didn't become a charge on a com- no arrests. munity composed in part of people who so to Norfolk to do their shop- downstairs, snickered when the ping or who patronize the chain police marched down empty handed. tores when they have cash, falling But there would have been no snickback on the home merchant only ering had the police hauled a lot when they want something charged. Mr. Overman is survived by his ers. widow and four children. Lee Over- It's tough being a policeman in a man of Richmond. Samuel and small town; he's jeered at if he Robert Overman, and Mrs. Annie of this city; by one brother,

C. W. Overman of this city; and by a half brother. M. White of Weeks-



was Saturday night. A platoon of uniformed police armed with revelvers, night sticks and flash lights matched out of police headquarters, swung to the right, match d in plateon formation down Colonial Ave. to Poindexter Sirvet.

In platoon formation they marchformation quite by accident this ed diagonally across Poindexter St. week. It is something for folks to to the entrance to the Catton Club. hink about. Chain stores are highly. It was a leisurely march: leisurely efficient: they offer us attractive the police filed up the stairs, rought merchandise. attractively priced; and were granted admittance to the

the home town merchants. But this the tables in the dim-lighted dance newspaper has never heard of them room, poked around the kitchen and taking care of their Sam Overmans, cleak room, took a sniff at the toilet. The boss of the chain store often The orchestra played loudly; dancdoesn't even know his employes; ing couples didn't stop their dancthey are cogs in a machine, quickly ing; new comers arrived and took and easily replaced with new cogs their seats at tables. Nobody diswhen one shows a little wear or gets played any uneasiness; most of the habitues of the place acted as if

stroyed, no money saved up, no The Cotton Club was raided Sathopes for recovery and better times, urady night; some one had com-Sam Ooverman might have killed plained to the police that liquor is himself teo. But the old-fashion-ed home mercantile firm took care of him to the end of his days. And raid. They found no liquor, made

Crowds gathered on the sidewalk of society folk around to headquart-

decsn't and catches hell if he dues. STANDING BEHIND THE

their 1931 crop. Anyhow, Pasquotank farmers are hopeful that such will be the case. Only about seventy-five per cent many peas as were planted in this county last year were planted this year. Then came the March storms, cornadoes and late cold snaps. Early peas were either blown down and torn up by the winds or were killed

Altho Pasquotank farmers this

year will pick and market prob-

ably only fifty per cent as many

May peas as they shipped last year, it is likely that they will re-

ceive quite a bit more than fifty

per cent as much money for their

1932 peas as they were paid for

in the ground by the cold. All over the South the damage to the May peas was great, while it is reported that seventy-five per cent of the South Carolina crop was damaged by the storms and cold. In this county, the loss was severe. Many peas were killed just as they were pushing up out of the ground. The growth of practically all the peas in the county was retarded. Many growers, discouraged at the very poor

stands, have plowed their peas into the ground. Despite these losses, it is believed this year's May pea crop in Pasquotank will be fully as much as fifty per cent of the 1931 crop. This might be taken to mean that the growers will receive only half as much money from peas this The fact that seventy-five per

cent of the peas in one of the greatest producing states in the South have been destroyed and substantial ses have been incurred thruout the South makes it quite possible and probable that the price of May peas this year will be substantially higher than the 1931 price. Overproduction usually results in a low

price. Under-production may result in a higher price. So, with production thruout the South so low, there are excellent prospects for good

prices on May peas this year. Around three hundred and twenty-five cars of peas were shipped from here last season. This was

around 200,000 baskets, and the average price was around one dollar Ehringhaus for governor appeared numerous to mention, who live two enthusiasm. the county received around \$200,000, with the name of Blucher Ehring- county and who work in town. or more, from their 1931 May pea haus, crcn. Reductions in planting and EHRINGHAUS.

but little more than 100.00 bushels haus is perfectly willing to run as to this city. But the average price should be John if that will get him more from \$1.25 to \$1.50, as against last votes. year's average price of \$1 per bushel.

or because of a fifty per cent reduc- had been in failing health

MATTRESSES HE SELLS Thus, Pasquotank farmers may receive seventy-five per cent as much churchman, historian and promin- in the door of an elevator in the In-They are having a lot of fun with money for this year's crop as they ent Mason, died at his home in dependence Trust Company building

And it may not.

Sumner Laurels As A Commuter Does Elizabeth City have its commuters? The writer answered this question in the affirmative in an article appearing last week, and then proceeded to name the commuters and the distances they

commute and was mistaken in the statement that the farthest commuter is T. B. Sumner, manager of the Eastern Cotton Oil Co. and the Albemarle Fertilizer Co. "commutingest" commuter The hereabouts is, unless we are again mistaken, W. O. Crump. Mr. Crump whose home is in Sunbury, Gates county, is in charge of the liquidation of the defunct Savings Bank & Trust Co., and he journeys here each day, returning to Sunbury in the late afternoon. Mr. Crump commutes more than fifty miles daily,

seven miles distant from Elizabeth City. Mr. Crump was cashier of the Bank of Sunbury when he was tendered the position he now holds, which is only a temporary position. Preferring not to relinquish a per-

SLOWLY does work proceed on the manent job for a temporary one, he Wright Memorial Beacon on big turned the Sunbury job over to Kil IDevil Hill. This latest Zoeller Mrs. Crump. Consequently, Mr. photo shows the great derrick in Crump did not move to Elizabeth photo shows the great derrick in Crump did not move to Enzadeth place atop the cement core of the City but chose instead to be-monument, to swing the huge come a commuter. Mrs. Crump granite blocks into place. But ac-cident after accident has delayed bank cashiers in the country and is the greatile contruction. When the said to be making a wonderful suc-the greatile contruction. When the said to be making a wonderful suc-the greatile contruction. When the said to be making a wonderful suc-the greatile contruction. cident after accident has delayed bank cashiers in the country and is the granite construction. When the said to be making a wonderful suc-big derrick was in place one of its have nothing but praise for her first jobs was ot lift a hoisting have nothing but praise for her engine to the top of the hill. A methods and the manner in which cable broke and the engine crashed her accounts are kept, and the statedown upon one of the largest blocks ments she makes are very nearly of granite, so defacing it that it had perfect.

to be rejected. Three of the big-Another well-known commuter is gest granite blocks in the jeb have J. R. Jarvis, district manager of the been broken and must be re-cut, at Continental Life Insurance Co. who a reputed cost of \$400 to the con-, commutes daily between his home in tractors, Wills-Mafero Corp., of New Hertford and his office here.

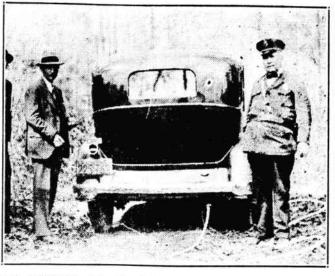
John Marshall, Daily Advance ad-York City. The massive monument may be completed by Dec. 1, 1932. man, commutes from his home near ration of Independence and mari-Belcross to his work here each day, Quite often. John drives to work in

the morning, returns to his home at Ehringhaus Drops night to eat and dress, comes back Blucher For John go to the "Y", and then returns

again to his home. Campaign posters advertising

but with JOHN C. B. Folks in May pea crop in Pasquotank to total Teutonic Blucher that Mr. Ehring- trips each week from South Mills this celebration one of the biggest slipped from his pocket and would Alth

-Mrs. Mary Rigler, who suffered a -John Thomas Alderman, educator, spinal injury when she was caught good-natured Sam Twiford, owner received for last year's crop, despite. Henderson at the age of 78. He in Charlotte, was carried into court for on a portable bed this week to give



Anyway, He was Clean About It

d as Second Class Metter at the Portoffic it Elizabeth City, N. C., June 9, 1908.

R. C. JONES, Elizabeth City chain store suicide didn't make a mess of killing himself. He didn't disembowel himself with a shot gun or blow his brains all over the parlor to give his family a horrible shock and make Sunbury being twenty-six or twentyhis home unlivable for them. He just motored out into the woods, plugged the end of a length of garden hose into the exhaust of his automobile, ran the other end of the hose thru a crack in the window of his auto-

mobile, seated himself in the closed car, started the engine. Deadly carbon monoxide gas fed into the car thru the hose from the exhaust did the rest. To the right Chief of Police Holmes; to the left Sheriff Carmine and Claude Ziegler the mortician. Photo by staff photographer.

Edenton Plans Was Willing To

Edenton, modern capital of Cho-

wan, ancient capital of North

Carolina, is now a-bustle and

teeming with activity in the per-

fection of elaborate plans for a

colossal and impressive celebration

on April 28 upon the occasion of

the unvciling of a monument to

Joseph Hewes, signer of the Decla-

time adviser to George Washing-

thus honored by Congress.

Bi-Centennial.

folk police and Elizabeth City's Police Chief Holmes, four young men of this city were relieved of the necessity of spending Sunday night in the Norfolk hoosegow, altho, if S. Ganderson had had his way about it, his son, Morris, would have been locked up for the night, regardless.

ris Ganderson, E. L. Baker and annot be learned, left here Sunday afternoon on a Sabbath joy ride. Norfolk was decided upon as their

Edenton, ever proud of its historithe unveiling of the Hewes monu-Another commuter overlooked in a project designed to perpetuate had the liquor in his possession. probability will cause this year's much difficulty in pronouncing the office here and who makes several Edenton is working together to make getting out of the car, the bottle

events of the George Washington have crashed on the pavement had Several thousands of persons are

expected to be on hand when the espied by an agle-eyed county of-Hewes Memorial is unveiled on ficer who was standing on a nearby gave this power to Mr. Hartsell. Thursday, April 28. Elizabeth City, street corner.

Walking over to White, the officer Albemarle section have been especi- said, "What's that you've got there? than are members of the Board and T'll take it

Baker, released, called Chief of

Police Leon R. Holmes and told him

what had happened. Chief Holmes

called Q. C. Davis, a member of the

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Due to the courtesy of the Nor-

Ernest White, Nathan White, Mor-

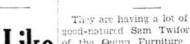
ton and the first signer of America's most sacred document to be destination, ultimate and Edenton, ever proud of its histori- until the ucstimation, and the list of teachers Monday mgnt as cal background, looks forward to reached Norfolk In mid-afternoon, they had been expected to do, turn-Someone in the car had a pint of ed over to Superintendent Hartsell There are quite a few persons, too ment with the greatest pride and liquor. After getting a bite to eat, the sole authority to elect teachers Nothing gains such the young men got in the car and per bushel basket. The farmers of this week. They are emblazoned not or three or five miles out in the strong support and wholehearted rode around some more. The next caused some cooperation from Edentonians as time they stopped. Ernest White whether the Board was "passing other last week's article is W. I. Halstead, the history of which Edenton is so There was about half a pint in the losses from storms and cold in all parts of the state have exhibited so South Mills barrister, who has an proud and so jealous. And all of bottle at the time. As White was the complete list should be made

Hertford and Manteo and the entire

application to teach in the city schools, the Board having given him that power Monday night. It is generally talked around town that the School Board recently directed Supt. Harsell to advise those Hartsell is said to have written letters to several teachers advising them against filing application without stating the reason for such advisement. This caused no little misunderstanding and some consternation. The Board, having previously approved the applications of practically all the single teachers in the city schools, was holding up the election of the married teachers pending the outcome of the "advice" that had been passed on to some of these teachers. cther young man, whose name could Whether the teachers so advised meekly accepted the advice or rebelled against it is unknown, but the Board, instead of completing the they list of teachers Monday night as

for the coming year. This action speculation as to the buck" to Mr. Hartsell, fearing the furore that might arise when

Altho it is unusual for a Board to invest in the superintendent the he not caught it in the nick of time. sole power of employing or rejecting But he did not catch it before it was applicants for teachers' positions, it is not strange that the local board After all, a superintendent is in closer contact with the teachers is better qualified to say whether or not a teacher is competent and desirable. The superintendent is the logical man to decide which teachers shall be employed. Mr. Taken to police headquarters, they Hartsell, a hard worker, closely observes the work of the teachers under him and is in a position to know each teacher's qualifications for his driver of the car, knew a Norfolk or her job. "The needs of the pupils and not the whims of the public are what should be considered in the selection of teachers." says Mr. Hartsell. "Teaching ability is a prime consideration, and we cannot let personalities interfere. It is impossible to suit everyone and we desire only to look out for the interests of the pupils. It is not just a matter of giving a job to this person or taking a job from that person, it is chiefly a matter of providing the best type of instructors for the chil-



The town clock struck ten. It

It Looks Like A Money Year For Fishermen he sells. And Sam solemnly explained that it will again bring a sizeable amount of cash to the farmers this work of the sells.

With total shipments thru this city already more than twice as great as those of previous seasons, it appears likely that more fish will be shipped from the sounds section of Northeastern North Carelina this year than have been shipped in a good many years. And this despite the loss of many nets in the March 6 storm.

One man's guess is as good as another's when it comes to advancing the reason for the unusually large catches of fish being made by he Wanchese, Manns Harbor and Stumpy Point fishermen. The popular theory among the fisherfolk is that the re-opening of the New Inlet by the recent storm has afforded a passageway whereby many thousands of shad and other fish have catered the Sounds. Some of the more picus believe that God filled the waters with fish to compensate the fishermen for the losses they "ustained during the storm. There are other theories concerning the weather. Anyhow, for one reason or another, the Croatan, Albemarle and Pamileo Sounds are almost teeming with fish and catches runhing into the thousands of pounds are being reported by fishing part-

Some of the fishermen are making good money at present, no doubt but it is doubtful that the season will bring them any great profit. for much of their money will have to to toward payment for new boats and nets and other equipment to replace that lost in the storm. However, they will make some money. Between January 1 and this week, here the local express office. This Monday afternoon, was Miss Elizwhill for buck had.

Co., this the Quinn Furniture week. Someone took advantage of a tion in the crop. gorgeous window display of Dr. The May pea crop last year was unexpected.

Ezera Storm mattresses to re- about the only money-making crop vive the old gag about the deal- produced in the section, and it was er standing behind every mattress a genuine boon to Pasquotank farmers. It is hoped and expected he sells.

er stand behind Dr. Storm's mat- year. At least, it will give employtresses and springs. It is indeed a ment for a few weeks to several hunbroad guarantee that Quinn's gives dired persons, for it takes quite an with Dr. Ezera Storm products, un- army of people to pick, crate, haul conditionally guaranteeing every and ice 100.000 or more bushels of matteras and box spring with no peas.

time limit or other strings tied to The picking of the May pea crop is scheduled to begin from May 5 to It is a beautiful showing Quinn's 10, and the peak shipment will be

What Savings Bank

is making and hundreds of people reached between the 10th and the are viewing the exhibit which will 20th of the month.

continue all this week and until Monday night, April 18.

the guarantee.

An Early Spring Bride



AMONG Dan Cupid's most recent the and other lish were shipped Pherson, who, before her marriage the lotal expenses.

were the amount of ish shipped abeth Bright, daughter of Mr. and the same period in any re-tent year. The price of shad is now Mrs. Noah Bright, of North Road A street. The price of shad is now which retained, after nearly 2,000 wages cut?" asked the Soda Jerker. DR. J. D. HATHAWAY, Carolina which retained, after nearly 2,000 wages cut?" asked the Soda Jerker. DR. J. D. HATHAWAY, Carolina which retained, after nearly 2,000 wages cut?" asked the Soda Jerker. DR. J. D. HATHAWAY, Carolina adv.

several months and death was not evidence in her \$25,000 damage suit against the bank



BANK CLERK AND THE SODA JERKER THEY HAVEN'T ENDED THE DEPRESSION YET

"When do you suppose this durn people in this town; often four or dance, an old time fiddlers' condepression is going to end?" asked five children in the family to be the Bank Clerk.

"A banker should be asking me and the old man making barely ly. The celebration will be featured that question!" sneered the Soda enough wages to pay for rent, fuel, and much-publicized in the next is-Jerker; "But if you are asking me, light and medicine and keep up his sue of The Independent, which will I'll tell you: we can end it to-day industrial insurance."

Liquidator Did On by resolving to live like our ancestors "One answer to that," said the written by prominent persons and a lived; walk more, ride less; make Bank Clerk. "is that wage earning number of photographs and ilustra- illustrations will appear in no other dren. His Last Bank Job our best suit of clothes last four or people should not have so many tions. Some of these articles and newspaper.

five years by wearing it only on Sun- children. W. O. Crump, cashier of the Bank days and holidays; eating more plain "Yeah! I'll tell you something of Sunbury and at present engaged and home grown food and living less about that," said the Soda Jerker. in the liquidation of the Savings, cut of tin cans and pop bottles; roll- "There's a gentile woman across Bank & Trust Company, is one of ing our own instead of buying pack- town who visits with a Jewish the few liquidators in the State to aged cigarettes with a six cent, woman in the neighbourhood. The do a perfect job. One hundred per revenue stamp on every pack; learn- gentile woman has two children cent liquidation of the Citizens ing to make our own amusements and plenty of leisure and the Jew-Bank of Gates, liquidated by Mr. instead of paying 10% or more of ish woman is having a new baby Crump, was announced Tuesday by our income for somebody else to every twelve months. The gentile C. I. Taylor, liquidation agent of the amuse us. Eighty per cent of us woman says to the Jewish woman State Banking Commission. are still working and making salar- one day, 'You shouldn't have so The Bank of Gates closed its doors les or wages. All we've get to do is many children.'

on January 13, 1930, with total re- to live within our incomes and save "But how can I help it?" asked sources listed at \$83,412.18 and dc- a little every week." the Jewish woman.

"Yes," said the Bank Clerk, "and " "Simple as draining a hot water posits at \$63.957. Capital and surplus were \$12,793.76. Stockholders you'd have this depression strung bag, said the gentile woman, who out into the year 2032. Instead of lowered her voice and told the Jewpaid in \$7,761 in assessments.

Liquidation of the bank paid pre- having eight million people out of ish woman what every married ferred and secured claims of \$16,000 jobs and half our farmers threat- woman should know. The Jewish and deposits of \$63,957. In addition ened with foreclosure for debts and woman listened, took in every word to paying depositors, the complete taxes, you'd have half the working of instruction and then shook her accounts due them, about \$14,000 folks in the country on the bricks head.

was letf to be distributed among and every farmer busted. One "Dot's all right for you mebbe the stockholders. The total cost of thing that ails this country now is said the Jewish woman sorrowfully this liquidation was \$2,760.75 and too many folks are scrimping and you got a nice varm house, nice collections in rents and interest dur- saving, keeping commodity prices badt room, hot runnin' vater all der ing the time of liquidation amounted down and all business stagnated, time. But me! Me get up in a ing the time of liquidation amounted down and all business stagnated, time. But me! Me get up in a to \$2.040, almost enough to bear We'll never have a return to pros- cold house ten times efery nights perity until folks begin spending Too mootch, too mootch'!"

again." When explorers uncovered the "But how are people going to boots of all people have de-ruins of Pompeii, destroyed in A. D. spend when they either have noth-fective vision. Are you one of these 79, they discovered pickled olives ing to spend or have had their Have your eyes examined today

ally invited to attend and to parti-White blanched and the other four cipate in the celebration. In addition, several hundred invididual in- young men shook in their shoes. All vitations have been sent by mail. five immediately envisioned them-National and State notables will be selves in the Norfolk jail. there, as also will be distinguished visitors from many cities in this were asked if they knew anyone in Norfolk who could vouch for their and other states. character and their appearance in

The monument has been completcourt Monday morning. Baker, the ed, as also have the concrete walks and steps leading to the monument, theater man and called him on the which is situated on the Edenton telephone. This man went to head-Commons, facing Edenton bay. quarters and vouched for Baker, The full program, including a hiswho was released without bond. The torical pageant, a luncheon recepothers had no one to aid them, and tion, the unveiling exercises, a street it appeared that they were to be compelled to spend the night in jail.

vention and other entertainment clothed and fed and sent to school, features, is to be announced short-

A SPECIAL EDITION FOR CURRITUCK COUNTY

A Country Life Edition of THE INDEPENDENT devoted to Currituck County will be published on or about May 27, 1932 under the auspices of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs of that county.

Mrs. Russell Griggs, president of the Currituck Clubs and Miss Virginia Edwards, Home Demonstration Agent for that county will organize the smartest women in Currituck and enlist the help of their outstanding men folk in making the Currituck Country Life Edition of this newspaper a glorious achievement.

The story of how Currituck County has lifted itself by the bootstraps out of sloughs of poverty and illiteracy and become one of the ranking counties of the State in roads, schools and agricultural and social betterment is mightily interesting. The special edition will be profusely illustrate with photographs of the up and coming men and women of Currituck, their homes, their schools, their churches, their farms and many activities. It will be an interesting and inspiring special edtion.

Superintendent Hartsell says that the list of teachers for the coming year is, in his own mind, virtually complete, but it will not be possible to make the full list public for several weeks yet. He says there will be no great change either in personell or policy in the city schools during the coming year.

He Couldn't Have **Published This Book** Hundred Years Ago

"Had he published his views in the days of the Puritans the stocks or the stake would have been his lot,' commented Mrs. Zenana H. Curtis, of Los Angeles, Calif., after reading "A Concept of Life and Other Editorial Cocktails" by W. O. Saunders.

If you haven't seen this audacious tho generally kindly and humorous book, you can procure a copy for 50 cents. Or for a dollar you may still get a copy of the limited numbered and autographed author's edition on Strathmore deckle edge paper for a dollar. Address the author hint-clf. W. O. Saunders, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Oricles and swallows are probably the greatest bird exterminators of the cotton-boll weevil.

carry articles of unusual interest