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# Harnett Sheriff Denies Monds Shot To Death

Dunn Citizens Said Not To Believe That Monds Was Connected With Affair In Meadow Township

The report of the shooting done at the home of James Webb, of Meadow towship, which was published in our last issue of March 9, has created a profound feeling in the community of Dunn, where Mr. Troy Monds lived and was well known. It is not believed by the citizens of his town and community that Mr. Monds was present at the time of the shooting, or that he knew about it, or was in any way connected with it. By so good authority as the sherift of Harnett county, it has been reported that Mr. Monds was seen in the chief of police headquarters around ten o'clock on Thursday night, which is about the exact hour it is reported that the shooting took place at Webb's home, ten miles, The sheriff saw Mr. Monds that night and had a talk with him. He reports that Mr. Monds was in his usual good health and spirits and that there was not the slightest suggestion about his appearance that he had been in any kind of a raid. It is also authoritively stated that Mr. Monds worked some in his new ground on Thursday, the day of the alleged raid on Webb's home, and that he died between midnight and day on Friday night following. It was understood then and so understood now that his death came as a natural cause and not as a result of gun

The Herald regrets that any report should gain circulation that is States Military Academy at West not founded on truth and fact. The Point by United States Senator article referred to above was run F. without prejudice to any individ- that Senator Simmons can appoint ual or any society. It was publish- only one boy every two years to ed purely as a matter of news, West Point, Wilbur is very proud and before the report got into its of having won an appointment to pages it had been verified by more this great institution, as he ran than one citizen of Johnston coun- against a field of boys who were ty. It is more than probable, how- trying for the same honor which ever, that the report that the sher- was bestowed upon him. iff of Harnett county has furnished us, as regards Mr. Monds, is the News and Observer agency more to be relied upon than the from one of his friends in Kenly. reports that reached here last Mon- Since he has taken the agency for day and from which we took our the "Old Reliable" he has more

to Webb on Thursday night of last his agency. week has been a current report Wilbur has won four free trips, the story in our last issue.

Mr. J. Y. Baker, who and the Senators.

#### BAPTIST PASTORS TO MEET

The pastors' conference of the Johnston Baptist Association will meet in the Smithfield Baptist church next Monday at 10 a. m. The executive committee will meet the same day at 2:30 p. m. Rev. P. A. Pridgen, of Benson, has been named by Moderator R. H. Gower as a member of the executive committee to succeed Rev.

J. A. Ivey. S. L. MORGAN.

### **AUNT ROXIE SAYS**—

to the horsepital, and doctah sot de example uv high chargin'.

KENLY BOY TO GO TO WEST POINT



WILBUR H. ALFORD

# Kenly Youth Will **Enter West Point**

Senator Simmons; Has Good Record

Kenly, March 10 .- Wilbur H. Alford, who is a young leader in the scholastic, business and religious activities of his community, was recently appointed to the United M. Simmons. Due to the fact

About a year ago Wilbur bought than doubled the number of sub-The alleged visit of masked men scribers he had the first day of

the affair, though investi- two of which were for his salesgation has not added materially to manship in the newspaper and magazine field. In 1924 he won a guest of the International Magazine Company and witnessed the

half pound and each measures 8 tained by the Curtis Publishing inches around the long way and Company, for boys who sell its six and a half around the middle. publications. Admittance to this organization depends upon regular school attendance and a record of efficient service to customers.

> Catherine (trying to spell some ig word): I wish I could swallow dictionary.

Lelia: "You couldn't digest it.

VISITOR TO BE AT METHODIST CHURCH

Smithfield will have opportunity to hear Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the M. E. church one of the numerous distinguished visitors attending the Woman's Missionary Council now in session in Raleigh. At this writing the pastor, Rev. A. J. Parker, does not know whether the speaker will be one of the missionaries, deaconesses or other workers, but a speaker worth while will be present. Methodists from every section of Southern Methodist territory in the United States and representatives from eight foreign countries are in attendance upon the Council meeting in Raleigh. Smilhfield has asked for a speaker for both morning and evening services Sunday but it is still indefinite about the evening service.

# Governor Lowden To Speak In N. C.

Illinois Statesman Will Cooperative Marketing at Raleigh and Charlotte

Raleigh, March 11. North Carolina is to have the pleasure of hearing former Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, one of the outstanding defenders of the rights and privileges of the farmer. Governor Lowden, in addition to being one of the leading platform speakers of the time, is a "dirt" farmer with large farming interests in Illinois, where he grows corn, cattle and hogs, and is also one of the big cotton farmers of Arkansas where he owns and operates a large

Information is given out by General Manager U. B. Blalock of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association that Governor Lowden has agreed to spentwo days in this state in April, and it is Mr. Blalock's purpose to arrange for two great farmers meetings, one at Raleigh and the other at Charlotte. It is understood that Governor Lowden, who is an enthusiastic believer in Cooperative Marketing and who is a ember of the Arkansas Cotton Growers Association, will discuss the importance of cooperative marketing, and in addition will give Wilbur Alford Receives his views concerning the control of Appointment From agricultural surpluses, a subject to which he has given much study.

The coming of the Illinois States nan is another milestone in the campaign which has started, fol-lowing the instruction of the mass meeting of members of the Cotton Association recently. The 600 members who gathered in Raleigh urged the management of the association to go forward in the matter of securing the signing of new contracts. As one result, more than one thousand cotton farmers have already signed contracts that will take effect with the 1927 crop. These farmers represent nearly 20,300 bales. This was the tabulation of the first few days effort on the part of the field service work-

The present contract covers the the management of the association will, with the aid of the loyal memwithout additional expense.

Speaking of the record made by Jones, both of Princeton. the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association, Mr. Blalock said REPORTS COLD SPRING that North Carolina led all other cotton states in the percentage of ative associations. This percentsociation and the percentage of the crop delivered was very gratifying to the management.

At the close of the present season, the Association will have in hand, intact, a Reserve Fund belonging to the members of close to \$700,000. This Reserve was set up by withholding one per cent of the gross sales. Each member was given a certificate for his part of the reserve each season, and these certificates bear six per cent interest, payable annually. It is the opinion of the present Board of Directors that the reserve certificates will be called in annually and paid in cash to the holders, beginning with the end of the present year, and continuing each year until all are paid. In this way, each certificate will have been in effect five years and each holder will have received interest for that per-

In making the canvass for a resignup, there is no minimum set, but the members of the association have set as a goal, a total of 25 per cent of the crop and the field workers are striving to reach that goal and expect to do it. This goal is not out of proportion. It is practically the record of the past vear. District No. 7, composed of the counties of Moore, Richmond. and Anson, delivered 24.12 per cent of the crop; District No. 8, com-

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## Oboy! - . . Whatta Life!!



# Fourteen Year Old Gaston Oliver On Trial For Murder 1926

# Pat Massey Dies At Wilson's Wills

Had a Record of Forty Years With the Southern Railway Company

duration with Massey brothers, all of whom are pleted until some time today. railroad men, is 212 years.

Mills

Clara Odessa Massey, who is a F. Woodard, accept deposit. tudent at Duke University. Four

Two of the largest hen eggs we laine Company and witnessed the growing confidence of the spring up that way. He reports ever saw were brought to us this World Series between the Giants ever saw were brought to us this World Series between the Giants cotton farmers in this method of snow and ice and a temperature posed of during the week was that same floor. The first words transposed of during the week was that same floor. The first words transposed of during the week was that same floor. The first words transposed of during the week was that same floor. The first words transposed to the spring up that way. He reports were trade and the spring up that way. He reports were trade and the spring up that way. He reports were trade and the spring up that way. He reports were trade and the spring up that way. He reports were trade and the spring up that way. He reports was the spring up that way. He reports were trade and the spring up that way. He reports was the spring up that way the marketing their crop. This year around zero on Saturday. March of the state vs. J. T. Jeffrys, for- mitted were, "Mr. Watson, come amount raised duringthe p ast year day

knitted fabrics, feet attached in

## Cases Vs. Geo. F. Wood-Woodard Are Schedul- part of its development to the re ed Today

Interest in this week's term of ton Oliver, 14-year-old boy charg- list are Agusta, Savannah and At Wilson's Mills, March 11.—Pat- ed with the murder of James Wood- lanta, Ga.; Charleston, S. C.; Wilck Massey, 57, who had a record and near Pine Level on Thanksgiv- mington, N. C.; Mobile, of having served slightly more ing day. The case was called yes- Louisville, Ky.; years with the Southern terday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Lynchburg and Norfolk, Va. Railway, died here last night at The solicitor is not asking for any The first building eyer erected to The combined service of the six noon but is not likely to be com-

Funeral services will be held chants and Farmers Bank at Prince mitted, Alexander Graham Bell, an his afternoon at the home at 3 ton are set for today as follows: clock and interment will be in state vs. Geo. F. Woodard charged ceived his patent for the telephone. Vinson cemetery, near Wilson's with embezzlement; state vs. Lena If he had lived until today, he The deceased is survived by his state vs. Lena Woodard, accept de wife and four children: James O.; posit; state vs. Geo. F. Woodard, Frank A.; Patrick L.; and Miss false entry in bank; state vs. Geo. and protected by a single patent

The docket has been heavy from vive. They are: John W. Massey, importance have been continued protected by a total of 9,000 patof Clayton; B. D. Massey, of Dur- until the next term of court. When ents. There are 27,213,100 telebers, be able to carry on the can- hamffi W. H. Massey, of Raleigh; the court discharged the grand phones in use in the world today vass with its regular force, and W. C. Massey, of Trinity; Mrs. J. jury the judge accepted the report of which number, 61 per cent are R. Ledbetter and Mrs. William with thanks and ordered a copy located in the United States and H. C. Hood; library, Mrs. N. M. Baraca class meeting in the Victo be published in the local paper, most of them are a part of the Lawrence with Mrs. J. W. Keen tory theater at the same time. The and that copies be served to the Bell system. keeper of the prison camp, the On March 10, fifty years ago IN NORTHERN CITIES county commissioners, and the next the first sentence was transmitted Mr. J. C. Stancil, who writes us judge who shall hold criminal court over the telephone by Alexander the crops delivered to the cooper- that he is moving from River Edge, here. The grand jury was discharg- Graham Bell from his laboratory, N. J., to Danbury, Conn., states ed at three o'clock on Wednesday the top floor of an old house in Bos-

snow and ice and a temperature posed of during the week was that same floor. The first words trans- particularly good showing. The tation to all members of the St lives on the Frost Place of Mr. W. A few days ago he was selected approximately 160,000 bales were to M. Sanders. They are evidently for a national organization, the double-yolked eggs. They weigh a League of Curtis Salesmen, mainded by the North Carolina Association and the presentage of the state vs. J. T. Jeffrys, for mitted were, "Mr. Watson, come approximately 160,000 bales were to G. Out in the country the temperature of Wilders township, who hardled by the North Carolina Association and the presentage of the state vs. J. T. Jeffrys, for mitted were, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you." These two men was \$724.54, the ways and means ture was four degrees below zero. brought out during the trial that kers at that time. Sleeping suits ,made of fleecy, Jeffrys has traveled over the

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# Telephone System On March 10, Fifty Years

Fiftieth Birthday

Ago The First Message Was Transmitted Over the 'Phone

The 50th birthday of the telephone was celebrated March 10 by 320.000 Bell telephone workers and thousands of others throughput the United States and Canada.

In honor of the occasion men women in the telephone industry everywhere wore an attractive button, showing a telephone and the numerals 50. These workers during the twenty-four hour period of celebration enabled telephone subscribers to complete 67, 700,000 messages-an almost un believable expansion from one sentence on March 10, 1876 to the millions of conversations March 10

There are 20,500 Bell telephone workers in the Southeastern states who joined in the nation-wide celebration. The South can claim with ard and Miss Lena pride that the telephone owes a ception given it in the South in its infancy.

Among the first telephone exchanges established were those opened in some of the leading cities criminal Superior Court centered of the South during the year 1879. around the case of state vs. Gas- Among the cities in this pioneer

his home after an illness of five greater verdict than second degree be used exclusively as a telephone heart murder or manslaughter. Quite a exchange was constructed in Louistrouble. He died two weeks to the number of witnesses have been ville, Ky., some fifteen years beday after his brother, M. S. Mas- summoned to appear. The case got fore the close of the nineteenth sey, who died in Richmond, Va. well under way yesterday after- century.

ninth birthday and three days be-Five cases concerning the Mer- fore the first sentence was transimpetus young Woodard, false entry in bank; would have seen his first telephone system of two crude instruments connected by a few feet of wire develop into a system of 16,000, 000 Bell owned stations, connected crop of 1926, but beginning now, brothers and two sisters also sur- the start and several cases of minor by 51,000.000 miles of wire, and

> ton to Thomas A. Watson, his aswas were the sole active telephone wor- committee of which Mrs. T. S.

furnish a thrilling story of a desmen gave themselves without reserve to bless the world with the electrical transmission of speech. Three Fires Occur Each made a distinct contribution. Bell contributed his inventive genius; Thomas A. Watson, his skilled craftsmanship which fashioned Bell's idea into a working instrument: Thomas Sanders, the first financial assistance, which was inspired by the love of his daughter for the romantic inventor; and Gardiner G. Hubbard, the first publicity man for the telephone, the personality necessary to acquaint the world with its possibilities. The common contribution of each was faith and enthusiasm Watson is the only member of the group living today

Development in business and organization backed by the patient toil of the cientists in the Bell research laboratories has featured the telephone's progress in recent Smith. Painters at work on Mr.

orchard will be much helped by and weather boarding near the removing all dead, diseased and chimney. Investigation indicated weak branches before spring that the fire originated in a rat's growth begins.

#### Queen of Ozarks



The smile of Miss Estella South-ard of Joplin, Mo., radiates sun-shine, according to members of

# Woman's Club

Report For Year Makes finals in May: first, \$100, secon \$50, and third, \$25. Fine Showing

The new head of the Woman's club elected at the meeting Wed- Spelling Bee Contest. All expense nesday afternoon is Mrs. W. N. of both the winner and a chaperon Holt. The chairman of the nomi- will be paid by the Observer. In nating committee, Miss Mattie the event that the winner is a girl Pou, in making her report, stated her mother will act as chaperon in case a boy, The Observer will that it was with reluctance that Mrs. Holt consented to have her Washington more than twenty name placed before the club but spelling champions will compete for when promised the cooperation of \$2000 in gold and a gold meda the entire membership yielded to the insistence of the committee. ond, \$500 third, \$200; fourth, \$150 Mrs. Holt is an active club work- fifth, \$100; sixth. \$50. A five-da er, is familiar with the plans of sightseeing tour and other enterthe organization, and the selection tainments are in store for the wi eems particularly fortunate.

Other officers chosen at the dent, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter; corresponding secretary, Miss Ava My- ward their acceptances immedia att; recording secretary, Mrs. Joe ly to the Spelling Bee Editor. Davis; treasurer, Miss Bettie Lee ice, Mrs. Paul Brown; civics, Mrs. and Mrs. Roger A. Smith Jr., as-

Ragsdale has been chairman, turn-The early days of the telephone ing in \$533.03 of that sum.

The special work of the club at | On the evening of March 24 perate struggle for life in a cold present is raising funds for a new Congressman E. W. Pou, reprebusiness world which frowned on club house which it is hoped will sentative from this district will sentative from this district will sentative a radio address from the deliver and the deliver a radio address from the deliver and t telephone was then called. Four lot already purchased on the cortion WCAP at Washington. ner of Market and First Streets.

# Here This Week

he record for Smithfield this week, are. The only way to know the but none of them resulted in any onsiderable damage. The biggest oss was sustained by John Jones. olored, whose dwelling and household furniture were completely destroyed, and his cafe damaged. The oss will probably total from \$3000 to \$3500. The fire was discovered about four-thirty Monday morn-

The fire alarm again called out that entailed sacrifice. Thomas A. the fire department Tuesday night about ten o'clock, and it was found hat an old barn near North Fourth Street was on fire.

Wednesday morning about eleven o'clock the fire company was caled to the home of Mr. Roger A. Smith's house, discovered smoke coming out of the walls and fire The old, neglected trees in the was discovered between plastering nest. The damage was slight.

# Schools Urged To Select Spellers

Winner In County-Wide Spelling Bee Goes To Charlotte For State-Wide Contest

Charlotte, March 10 .- Here is a chance of a lifetime for spellers of North Carolina to get real money as well as real fun, from the covers of the old spelling book

The Charlotte Observer will give \$175 in cash rewards to the best spellers in the state, and many county champion spellers will get free trips to Charlotte.

The spelling bee is to be state wide, and the schools of Charlotte and in the one hundred counties have been invited by The Obser er to participate. Each school will pick its best speller in a regular spelling bee. Then all school win ners, city and county, are to mee at the county seat to select, in a old fashioned spelling bee. county champion. This lucky be or girl, may be among those wi will come to Charlotte in May Elects Officers the guest of The Observer. He of the will stop at the city's best home. tel, will be royally entertained and Mrs. W. N. Holt Is New Then The Observer is offering the President - Financial following prizes at the all-territory

> In addition, the champion spell to Washington, D. C., in June take part in the Second National provide a suitable chaperon. In ners of North Carolina.

Schools in both city and county eeting Wednesday were vice-pres- have been invited to join the bee and urged by The Observer to for-

BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY pastor will preach at 11 a. m., and sistants; literary, Mrs. E. J. Wel- 7: p. m. In the morning a speclons; music, Miss Lallah Rookh ial sermon on the life of the Apos-Stephenson with Mrs. C. V. John- tle John, as an aid to understand on assistant; home economics, ing the great book and its author from which the Sunday school le Annual reports were read at the sons have been taken for the first

#### Mr. Pou's Radio Speech From WCAP Washingt

Pou will "go in the air" at seven o'clock instead of seven-thirty as previously announced.

You can't cut production com A fire a day for three days was unless you know what these collection costs is to keep records.

# The Mirror

IS THIS YOU?

description will call at The Herald office they will receive a free ticket to the Victory

You were seen on Third street about four-thirty o'clock Wed nesday evening. You wore tar slippers, cream colored hose, sweater. Light bobbed hair.

Tyree Woody recognized him self in Tuesday's Mirror.

Senator Hands Out Coal to Needy

A coal party is the latest in senatorial circles. Senator M. M. Neely of West Virginia (shown in the truck) brought joy to the hearts of many poor families in Washington when he personally delivered a carload of coal from the mines of his state to the needy.