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WARD URGES A REDUCTION IN

Speech, Sponsored By The American Legion Post, Heard by Many

SPOKE HERE MONDAY Let Next Legislature Sweat with the Problem of Securing Money to Run Schools and Build Roads

Hallet S. Ward, of Washington, under the auspices of the American the spring run of herring, shad and Legion Post, spoke here last night to rock the legion members and citizens of Martin county on the reduction of valu-

At the beginning, he announced his topic, and spoke for an hour in the interest of the land owner, appealing fer a reduction in taxes on farm lands. He reviewed the progressive stride and the water is too clear for the net-that North Carolina has made since ters to catch them. in the development of good roads and schools, but later stressed that land paying 78 per cent of the in their hopes for a big catch taxes in North Carolina, was being destroyed because of the inequality of

The speaker emphasized the tax question as being one of public in the 25th of last May, going away with acted upon by the people of this and all other counties of North tarolina. A reduction of 25 per cent in the valuation of lands was asked for immediately and a further reduction of lands was asked for immediately and a further reduction. The speaker emphasized the tax question about she ing at 11 o'clock, Rev. Dwight W. Petty, paster of the local Methodist at understood that the local market will have one of the best tion. A far as it could be learned yesterday, A. R. Dunning, local attorney, and was a further reduction of 25 per cent in the valuation of lands was asked for immediately and a further reduction of lands was asked for lands was asked for lands was asked to have returned to lands was a land was understood that the local market will have one of the best a market will have one of the best. Church wi tion of 25 p r cent in the next three or four years. The tax question to be solved is a big one but could be remedied by a lawful and legitimate demand for the immediate reduction in the valua-State, it was pointed out by the

Mr. Ward, stated further, that the present valuation of land on the tax books is erroneous and is placed there

Jackson Training School, it was stated.

While petty thievery has been expurely through a mistake. Farm lands are valued at four times their real value, making the listings unconstitutional and unlawful and should be corrected by the next State legislature.

In conclusion he asked that the land owners of this county to wake up to the injustice of tax valuation on land books and let the next legislature sweat with the problem of securing money to run the schools, build roads and make other public improvements

SAFETY DRIVE IS SUGGESTED

Oak City Pupil Honored In The cases have been closely guard-Campaign Conducted Last Year

While there has been no definite schedule prepared, it is understood that several of the Martin County schools will again take a part in the National Safety Campaign this year Approximately \$6,500 in prizes are being offered the contest winners in addition to many medals and the bestow al of other honors. Conducted by the Highway Education Board, of Wash- One Hundred Are Injured ington. D. C., the contests carry the awards offered by the National Auto-

The subject of the contest, limited to pupils in the elementary schools, is: What I Am Doing to Set a Good Example in Safety on the Highways," principals forwarding the best of the papers to the county superintendent wives and children. not later than May 23

Oak City was signally honored last in the safety campaign.

According to information coming yesterday, all schools in the county are being asked, in so far as it is possible, during activity periods, to stress the importance of highway safety.

Home Agent Holds Meet In Oak City Last Friday

The live-at-home movement was givin this county when more than one hundred citizens in the Oak City community attended a meeting there. Mr F. B. Morrow, extension horticultur ist, assisted Miss Sleeper with the work, and a very favorable report has been made of the progress there.

Miss Sleeper, in reporting the meet ing, stated that it was not a garden contest that is being conducted in the county, but rather a garden project, Third grade: Sarah Getsinger, Vernathe change resulting because of the Smithwick, Mack Coltrain, Noah Harnumber sending in their names and because of Governor Gardner's live-at-

Kiwanians To Hold Regular Meeting Tomorrow at 12:30

The regular bi-weekly meeting the local Kiwanis club will be held tomorrow at the usual hour, 12:30 p. m. Bculah Roberson, Daisy Roberson, in the Woman's Club hall, according Carrie Delle Griffin. to an anouncement made this morning by the club's head.

An unusual program has been arranged for the meeting, and an enjoyable session is assured. All members are urged to attend.

PREPARE FOR FISH SEASON

LAND TAXES Jobless Turn Their Attention to Spring Fishing on the Roanoke

> With unemployment at a peak and the jobless, many of them at least, hungry, greater preparations than ever before are being made for fishing on the Roanoke this season. Since the slump in work, many of the jobless have turned their attention to fishing

borne many fish to the needy families last week in Lenoir, Sheriff C. B. Roe- and paralysis. in the past and the scarcity of both buck with Deputy J. H. Roebuck refood and work this year is causing the turning with the prisoner late yester- Long Harrell, Miss Mary was born of the new Planters Warehouse here people to hope for a good run.

The recent low water seems to have

divided in their predictions for a good the fact that pay day had come and season this year, they are all together

PETTY THIEVERY hearing or trial was called. The speaker emphasized the tax BEFORE OFFICER

tin County was referred to county authorities yesterday afternoon when a forts on the part of county officers young boy attending the local school was arraigned before the welfare offi- less until a few days ago, when it tion of land by the land owners of the cer. No definite disposition of the par- was learned they were living in Lenoir. ticular case has resulted at this time, A warrant was forwarded to that town, but steps are under way to have fu- but with a ten thousand population the CAR SALES FOR ture violators entered in the Stonewall stranger was not so easily found.

perienced time and again in the schools ities have administered every possible remedy in an effort to break it up and instances, but with a continuation of and demand a reduction; revise the tax the thefts in certain quarters, the mat- and although he hesitated in doing so automobiles in North Carolina in Feb. ter has been referred to county author-

> Young boys, ones whose environ ment would not suggest such low tactics, are said to have, probably out of fun, ransacked the school rooms on several occasions and maliciously wrecked property. In other cases, want is said to have led to the petty thiev-

> ed in the past, but it is understood that other tactics will be used in handling them in the future, the committal of the violators to the Stonewall Jackson Training School being mentioned as one of the methods to be followed.

OVER 100 LOSE LIVES IN FIRE

in Fire at Japanese Naval Base

Seoul, Korea, March 10 .- One hun dred and four persons were killed and more than 100 injured today in a fire and is to be limited to 500 words. All which broke out at a motion picture papers must be in the hands of the show at the Chinkai naval base in various school principals by May 9, the Southern Korea. Most of the victims were Japanese naval men and thei

The show was being held in a ware house at the naval base in observance year when one of the elementary pu- of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the pils was awarded a medal for her part capture by the Japanese of Mukden in the Russo-Japanese war.

The film, which ignited and caused from the superintendent of schools the fire, was a patriotic reproduction of scenes in the Russo-Japanese conflict. About 600 persons were in the build-ing when the film burst into flames and fired the structure.

Most of those who perished were trapped in the building. The blaze broke out at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and raged for two hours. The majority held, his occupancy of the two highest ct the victims were small children.

Farm Life School Honor Roll for the Past Month

First grade, section A: Harry Peele, First grade, section B: Oscar Wig-

Second grade: Bruce Coltrain, Betty Louise Lilley, Mittie Brown Manning.

dison, J. L. Heath. Fourth grade: Erla Ruth Corey, Mar-jorie Daniel, Annie Getsinger, Evie Manning, Mamie Clyde Manning, John

B. Roberson Fifth grade: James Peele, Jay Dan iel, Mary Manning, Emma

Sixth grade: Thelma Clyde Coltrain, Seventh grade: Janie Mannihg, Lou-

e Manning Eighth grade: Veona Roberson. Ninth grade: Eva Brown Coltrain Tenth grade: Albert Coltrain, Ar chie Coltrain.

H. B. HOLLOMAN RETURNED FOR HEARING HERE

Arrested Last Saturday In Funeral to be Held at Home Messrs. Harry L. and Roy Lenoir Where He Lived With Mrs. Modlin

NONSUPPORT CHARGE

day

superior court docket as No, 6, indi- grave. While the older fishermen are still cating that the trial will be held next She leaves two nephews, Dr. W. H. An optimistic spirit prevailed for the livided in their predictions for a good week before Judge N. A. Sinclair.

Harrell, of the Naval Hospital, Ports market when the announcement was

torney Tyler, of Bertie, before the brother in Norfolk.

Holloman abandoned his family here

Petty thievery in the schools of Mar- and Holloman started light housekeephere to locate the couple proved worth-

Officers there readily cooperated in While petty thievery has been exthe search and prepared a trap. At the post office they learned that he this year, and especially in the local had a box, but he apparently called elementary school, the school's author- for his mail seldom. A fake telegram was arranged. Finding it impossible to deliver it, the telegraph office correct the young boys. Their efforts dropped Holloman a card, asking him are said to have been fruitful in many to call for the message at the office. He soon called at the telegraph office arrest.

his address.

Mrs. Smith, the lady whom the couold baby, is said to expressed bitter to 5,972.

feared his life was in danger.

Coming here from Bertie County a number of years ago, he was in the employ of the Courtney Furniture being purchased, but there is a de- the local cemetery. Store here for several years.

WILLIAM H. TAFT **FUNERAL TODAY**

Machinery of Government Is Stilled at National Capital Today

William Howard Taft, former President and Chief Justice, died at his home in Washington late last Saturday afternoon, the end coming quietly. He had been in failing health for several weeks, and had visited this State in an effort to regain health.

The machinery of the government is being stilled today while the last rites are held. Although it has been 17 years since Mr. Taft left the White House, the honors that are being given him were in death are in keeping with rites for a President who has died in office. The universal high regard in which he was offices in the land, his straight-forward method of living, have earned for him this generous tribute from the nation

he served for two-score years. The body was borne this morning to lie in state at the Capitole then out along the Avenue of the Presidents for the funeral services, and finally to his burial place on a gentle slope in Arling

ton National Cemetery. The bright comparisons of military equipage will accompany the former President to his grave, but the funeral services will be simple, it was stated.

Lenten Services at the Church of the Advent

The following Lenten service at the Church of the Advent here were an nounced late yesterday by Rev. A. H

Tuesday afternoon at 4:30, Medita-Wednesday morning at 10, Holy

MARY HARRELL DIED AT HOME HERE TODAY

Tomorrow Morning At 11 O'clock

ably known by everybody here as Miss Mit, she had suffered for many years Charged with abandonment, H. B. with rheumatism and since last Oc-Holloman, former resident of this tober she has been confined to her Williamston's tobacco market continue The waters of the Roanoke have place, was arrested the latter part of bed, the end resulting from brights to go forward rapidly, the outlook for

STATE DECLINE IN FEBRUARY

Less Than 3,000 Autos Sold In State During the Past Month

Raleigh, March 8 .- The sales of new cording to figures made public today suffered the day before. It is understood that Holloman state by Sprague Silver, chief of the autoed he suspected something was up mobile license division of the Departthe new car sale s amounted to 5,700

a side street, which they did. In mak- money being spent for new automobiles consciousness. ing the request, he stated that he in North Carolina during the last several months, according to A. J. Maxwell, Commissioner of Revenue.

> cline in the number of cars being licensed this year as compared with the and one grandchild survive.

operating only one." same date last year, the records of boat after a few hours of rest. He the automobile license division showed, worked for the public schools here

The largest number of new cars number of years. sold in any one month since the beginning of the present fiscal year was in July, 1929, when 7,785 new cars Robersonville Girls' Team were sold. The second largest number was in September, 1929, when 7,360 new cars were sold.

Commissioner Maxwell expects that

STEALS \$15 FROM

(Tarboro Southerner) near the town limits, is out \$15, having been swindled out of this amount Sunday by a white man, who bought 10 cents worth of merchandise.

The man offered to the storekeeper \$10 bill and wanted the change for the balance, and when the storekeeper, the son of Mr. Winchester, offered the change the man slipped a \$5 bill in his pocket and asked for \$5 more which he received, having stated the change was wrong.

Undergoes Operation

Miss Elsie Harrison, of Route was rushed to a Washington hospital last night where she was operated on ter addressed to Miller. for an acute appendicitis. Her condiis getting along very well at this time. a bit weak, he went to jail.

NEW PLANTERS WAREHOUSE IS LEASED HERE

Meador Will Operate House This Year

Miss Mary L. Harrell died at the WELL KNOWN HERE States He Is In No Hurry for Harrell here this morning at 5:30 o'- Present Indications Point to a Very clock, following a long illness. Favor-Local Market

Preparations for the operation of a strong market being very bright at The daughter of Wm. H. and Annie this time. After considering renters here August 29, 1862. She was the only the board of directors recently com-The exact course the case will follow daughter, three brothers, John L. Harcoused the fish to delay in coming, could not be definitely learned this rell, Dr. William H. Harrell and Jas. L. Meador and brother, Roy Meador and the water is too clear for the net-morning, but it is scheduled on the Robert Harrell, preceding her to the coming season.

week before Judge N. A. Sinclair.

Holloman is understood to have mouth, and James E. Harrell, of this market when the announcement was made, as the Messrs. Meador are well stated that he was in no hurry to part and one nice. Miss Sarah Har. shown here and are tubacco men with the land of the state of experience. While no offichearing, that he wished to consult At. rell who is making her home with her years of experience. While no offic- On Way Home After Year ial announcements have been made as The funeral will be held at the home to who will operate the other two on Simmons Avenue tomorrow morn- houses, it is understood that the lo-

the western part of the State, that she had made numerous friends, and was been formerly associated with the Ro- and Holloman started light housekeep held in high esteem by all who knew and Dixie Warehouse, of this ing and living as man and wife. Ef.

Martin County, and they are expected ment of the expedition. His death-deto have a large following in the tobac- fying flight to the south pole evoked

ELI ROBERSON **DIES SATURDAY**

Found Drifting In His Boat Down the River In A Helpless Condition

Eli Roberson, 52-year-old white fishhe gave his address. Officers were ruary show a greater decline than in etman, died at his humble home benotified and ten minutes after he January, with a total of only 2,949 low the river hill here last Saturday June, radio operator. The flight was reached his home, officers made the new cars sold during the month, ac- evening following a paralytic attack Humble and willing to do his best

to earn a living, Mr. Roberson is bewhen he read the telegram and gave ment of Revenue. In February, 1929, lieved to have hastened his death when rival here today, were as follows: he fished long hours and faced priva-The new car sales in January, 1930, ton in an effort to meet the immediate ple was living with the eight-weeks- amounted to 3,441 and in January, 1929 needs of his family. Late Friday afternoon, after fishing a greater part of disappointment when the facts were If the sales of new cars is an indi- the night before and a long while that cation of prosperity or the lack of it, day, he suffered a stroke while he fished science should all benefit. Although he stated that he did not and new sales are generally recognized in his small boat up the river. He was mind facing any one here, Holloman as the barometer of business condi- found floating down the stream in his is understood to have requested the of- tions over the nation—there has been canoe by the river bridge keeper and This is a feat in Antarctic exploration. ficers to take him to the local jail via a decided decline in the amount of removed to his home, never regaining

Funeral services were held at the home yesterday afternoon by Rev. through milk all the time." Dwight A. Petty, of the local Meth-"Not only are there fewere new cars odist church. Interment was made in

Mrs. Roberson with several children and one grandchild survive.

dreds of square miles of new territory east of the Ross dependency. number to the same date last year, in-dicating that a good many automobiles Roberson had fished on the Roanoke, have been abandoned," said Commissioner Maxwell. "Some people are just not using their cars now, but keeping the depressions that have been abandoned, and all I did was to touch the fringe of the disease or to find a treatment to which it responded. In each case, the physicians said, ing them in the garage or disposing of prevalent in this section this year, he a subject which will bear study in the the victims reported first suffering from them outright. However, indications stated a few days ago that he was generations ahead. I have named it a cold, then sore throat and from two are that a good many people who greatly pleased with the coming of formerly operated two cars, are now spring and fishing time. At the task he had started earnestly, fishing all Up to March 7, some 3,000 fewer night and catching only one or two cars had ben licensed than up to the herrings, he would return again to his

Establishes Unique Record

Bringing the 1930 season to a close with a victory last Friday evening, the new car sales will remain compara- Robersonville High School Girls' Bas- early this morning, attending physitively low in the state for several ketball team established a new and unique record. The girls, during the here, stating that he was dying. season, defeated eighteen teams from | Ecklin, who is said to be around 60 all parts of Eastern North Carolina winning every game in the Northeast ern conference to gain the champion-STOREKEEPER ship title. The conference title goes to him something to relief his suffering. the school there for the second time which was described as intense. within a five-year period, the team of g 1926 copping the honor in that year.
Following the game last Friday evening, gifts were awarded the players, Miss Myrtle K. Smith receiving a silver loving cup for her part in the Lola, was killed by her lover, who. sesson's play. Other members of the in turn killed himself.

erson, the donor. Letter Found at A Still

team received silver trophies and gold

basketballs, presented by Mr. Roy Rob-

Leads to Man's Arrest Federal officers raided a still between tica of Dr. Warren points to his prom Parmele and Bethel and found a let- inence in the medical profession.

tion was considered serious at first, but according to reports this morning, she although the evidence, on its face, is ical men of the world will hold their church.

CHURCH CENSUS 34 CASES AWAIT

Continue Work on Survery in an Effort to Complete Census This Week

With a number of tamilies failing to cooperate in the undertaking, the church census started here last Sunday afternoon was reported as incom plete this morning, several of the ministers stating, however, that the work could be completed by a little outside work and that the survey should be made within the next day or two.

The greatest difficulty experienced in making the canvass resulted when the canvassers found many families away from their homes, it was stated. It is for hearing in the court during the understood that individual calls will be made by representatives this week in an effort to make the report ascurate and complete as possible.

BYRD LEAVES POLAR REGION

Exploring Bottom of The World

her. Until hindered by illness, which she patiently suffered, she was an active member of the Methodist church tive member of the Methodist church toneer and is now in Kentucky.

An Dunedin turned out to greet the burglary charge, but a charge of at discoverer of the Antartic region which on the Robersonville market as an auctive member of the Methodist church toneer and is now in Kentucky.

An Dunedin turned out to greet the burglary charge, but a charge of at tempted housebreaking and larcen and receiving appears on the docket.

The thirty-two other cases vary in the control of the member of the Methodist church toneer and is now in Kentucky. These brothers have many friends in by Byrd as the most important achievejust two sentences of comment. 'Asked how it felt to fly over the

south pole, Byrd said: "Very much like flying over the north pole, except the north pole was

Byrd is the only man who has flown over both poles. He soared over the south pole November 29, 1929, in the MANY PARALYTIC tri-motored monoplane Floyd Ben- CASES REPORTED nett, piloted by Bernt Balchen, and ac companied by Captain Ashley McKinley, aerial surveyor, and Harold L. made over the hazardous heights from Little America, Byrd's base.

The most salient of Byrd's utter ances, as he was interviewed on his ar-

"The results to science are inestimable at present, but geology, county health officer. Dr. W. W. King, biology, meterology, physics and radio

"If there is one thing I am elated about it is that every man returned. "The cold and bad visibility were men suffering from the disease. the worst features in flying over the white continent. It was like flying

Byrd said he considered his actual quality had been drunk by the patient, flight over the pole secondary to the more important discovery of hun-

least concerned about claiming Marie Byrd Land but it is not Ameri-

JAS. H. ECKLIN SHOOTS SELF

Financial Strain Given As Main Cause for the Drastic Act

Unable to pay his debts or collect his accounts. Jas. H. Ecklin, Washing ton butcher, shot himself at his home cians, according to last reports received

years of age, failing to end his lif instantly, asked that he be allowed to die, but requested his doctors to give

Ecklin explained the motive for the rash act himself, stating that he could neither meet his obligations nor collect from his customers.

Several years ago. Ecklin's daughter

Local Physician Named Delegate to Hygiene Meet

Dr. Wm. E. Warren, local physician, was highly honored last week when he tional Hygiene Congress, convening Handling his mail carelessly, J. H. this year in Dresden, Germany. Very Miller, colored of Parmele, landed in few delegates are named from this the Pitt County jail last week when State, it is understood, and the selec-

annual hygiene congress this year.

NOT COMPLETE TRIAL IN COURT HERE MONDAY

ONE MURDER CASE UP Only Two Days Are Allotted to the Trial of the Criminal Cases

Judge N. A. Sinclair, of Fayetteville, Will Preside; Docket Said To Be Smallest in Sometime

Thirty-four cases had been placed on the criminal docket up until late yesterday for trial in the superior court convening here next Monday, the number being lower than those scheduled past several months or more.

According to the docket, only one case carrying capital punishment in case of conviction is scheduled to be heard during the week. Mabel Gibson, white woman, will be tried for the mnrder of her husband, Irving Gibon, the 21st of last January in Hamlton Township. Statements, first issued in this case suggested that Gibson killed himself. Investigating the case, officers established facts that re-

sulted in the woman's arrest.

As far as it could be learned yes-

prepared this week It was first thought that he would face a straight burglary, charge, but a charge of at-

The thirty-two other cases vary in their importance, practically all being minor ones, however. Several charges have been booked against Wiley Rogerson, colored, of near Robersonville, a part of them going to the higher court upon appeal from judgment meted out in the regular recorder's court

Strange Paralysis Attack 96 Persons In Three Tennessee Counties

Johnson City, Tenn., March 10 .- A total of 96 cases of strange paralysis had been reported to county physicians "I have accomplished my entire in three east Tennessee counties today, 68 cases being reported in Washington county alone, by Dr. S. S. Moody, cases and four were reported from

Unicoi county. All of those afflicted are adult males except a woman, wife of one of the

Dr. Moody said the history in large per cent of the Washington county cases shows liquor of questionable but that no conclusions could be reached as to that being the probable cause of the disease.

The county physicians and private "Personally," he said, "I am not the physicians treating those afflicted said they had been unable to detern

Dr. King said that there was inconclusive evidence that the disease was contagious, pointing out that it had its inception with a cold. He said the fact that 17 men employed in a rayon will at Elizabethton were afflicted that eight cases were in the Soldiers home at Johnson City, and the one woman was the wife of one of the men afflicted tended to the theory of contagion, but that it had not been prov-

PRESENT PLAY IN WINDSOR FRIDAY

Local Talent Will Again Appear in Play "Whole Town's Talking"

The play "Whole Town's Talking" has been booked for showing in the Windsor High School Auditorium next Friday evening, the promoters arranging the presentation there following a successful run here last Tuesday.

The play goes there highly recor mended, and with the Windsor Red Cross sponsoring its production, a large attendance is expected. The proceeds will be divided, it was stated. one-half going to the Bertie Red Cross Hospital.

Methodist Ladies to Serve Supper Next Thursday

The ladies of the Methodist church Parmele and Bethel and found a letinence in the medical profession.

Dr. Warren expressed his regrets in

Club hall Thursday evening from 6 to

R warrant was issued and Miller was

stating that he would not be able to 8 o'clock. The proceeds from the supper will go to the general fund of the

The public is invited