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was forced from the farm. In just a short per-
iod, the young farmer learned that his well-
being hung by nothing more than a shoe string.
Agriculture, the greatest industry in the
country and the foundation for all progress,
hangs by a shoe string, and yet when the gov-
ernment steps in and tries to put it on a firm
foundation the smart guys who have never
seen a cow or a pig sit back and belittle the ef-
forts made by the government. It is not consti-
tutional to help pull agriculture out of the
quagmire, but it is constitutional for govern-
ment to stand by and watch its hard-working
farmer bog down in the quagmire.
"There- is a challenge to American ingenuity
and ability in the plight of young Bristow and
all like him. The national economy is out of
balance when the producers of food and all
other raw products that come from cultivation
of the soil are unable to make ends meet."
Status Quo
Governor Hoey's recent address in Charlotte
Gas a two-fold meaning. When he said that the
basic tax structure would not be changed, he
meant that the sales tax will continue undis-
turbed, that no general relief in that depart-
ment of government is to be expeted for an-
other two years. And when he said that the
budget would be balanced, he meant that there

## elfth grade, no extended school term

## How Do They Live?

exing or sensational ing story comes out of Madison County via F
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$\qquad$ McDonald school has been prominently men
tioned. And until that group is heard from, th their guessing. Some say the McDonaldite the sales tax had not been made permanen change the old order.

## Hanging By a Shoestring

Out of Virginia comes a disheartening stor about a young farmer who was forced to tur
to private employment in an effort to mak money to employment in an effort to mak old home farm. Some will hasten to explain that the youth was frivolous listless and not suited for the farm. But the of Middlesex County, that Robert Lee Bristow being the nation's No. 1 boy farmer in 1937 . gain that honor he ind to farmer in 1937. To gence, hard work and a knowledge of intell farming problems. He won easily the practical mer of America award at Kansas City and stead of resting on his laurels Middlesex say it seemed to inspire him with new real.
The stor
and put in crops calculated to meet the rumin expenses of his farm and yield a profit. Unfaywable seasons followed, and the young man
ervice. It read's, "The county has no factories, atchery or milk plant no furniture plant, no house, no feed lot cattle sold directly
$\qquad$ the world, one of the best balanced farming rograms in the world, a mixture of manufacifficult, and possibly Madison County is bet-
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$\qquad$ Madison farmer if thing re transferred here. But, apparently there is something that each can learn from the other
than will aid the both of them.

## Too Many Telephone Tolls

Hertford County Herald.
If a bill introduced in the legislature is passd, the whole matter of telephone rates and charges in North Carolina will be subject to
investigation by the Utilities Commission. This investigation by the Utilities Commission. This
move has not come before it was needed, for move has not come before it was needed, for
if there is any public utility in North Carolina hat needs investigation and regulation of its charges in the interest of the public it is the
telephone monopoly. The immediate cause for the interest in in vestigating telephone rates has developed out within the state. It has recently been brought before the public that it costs more to talk by long-distance telephone between points in to talk greater distances to cities outside of North Carolina. As an example, a business man in Raleigh can talk to Norfolk, Va., for less money than he can talk to Elizabeth City in North Carolina, although the distance from North Carolina, although the distance from
Elizabeth City to Raleigh is not as great as the distance to Norfolk; the same condition is true regarding Asheville and Nashville, Tenn. In other words, it is cheaper to talk over greater distances when you reach out of North Carothe State. There seems to be no reason for these higher charges other than the fact that the telephone companies, working together in North Carolina and without regulation such as imposed by interstate Federal regulation, can collect the charges.
But in any investigation of telephone rates, the high cost of rural telephone service should also be given careful scrutiny. The city telephone user doesn't know anything about long distance costs. He should live in a rural section and attempt to use his telephone to speak neighbors only six or eight miles away in an other hamlet and each time have a long distance charge chalked up on his bill. The charges may not be excessive-that would be for the
investigation to get at-but there are too investigation to get at-but there are too many of them. The rural telephone subscriber as well as the man in the city would welcome thorough
service.

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