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Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Friday, January 23, 1931.

LATE SUNDAY

Struck by Car Driven by

Louis Philip Hornthal,

Of Plymouth

Thelton James, 19-year-old negro.

was almost instantly killed late last

Sunday afternoon when he was struck

by an automobile driven by Louis

Phillip Hornthal, jr., of this city, a

short distance from Dardens in Mar-

tin county. Young Hornthal stopped

his car, and after investigating the

condition of the injured man, hurried

back to Plymouth for a doctor and to

report the case to officers. James died,

Agent Expecting Increased NEGRO KILLED NEAR DARDENS

COUNTY CONVICT PURLOINS CAR **Tobacco** Acreage in County AND RUNS AMUCK

Ran Over Negro Man and Wrecks Car in Edenton Saturday

Charley Alexander, trusty at the county prison farm near here, drove an automobile wildly through the streets of Edenton last Saturday afternoon, ran over a negro man, breaking both legs, crashed into two automobiles and a tree, and then fled to freedom in a stolen car. He was captured later Saturday, night at the home of his father, Charles Alexander, and placed in the Edenton jail on a charge of escape. He was to have been heard in recorder's court there Tuesday, but the case was postponed until next week. Although bruised considerably in the crash into th tree, he was not seriously injured.

Alexander had been taken to Edenton by W. C. Spruill, a guard at the prison camp, in order that the convict might see his parents. Before reaching Alexander's home, Spruill had to stop in Edenton on an errand, and left the convict in the automobile

Alexander is then alleged to have driven to a bootlegger's place and loaded up with whisky. Then he went on a rampage, colliding with two automobiles and running down the negro. He finally wrecked the guard's car by running into a tree. The prisoner then confiscated another car and drove in the direction of Windsor. That was the last seen of him until he drove to his home in the stolen car.

LITTLE GIRL DIES EARLY MONDAY

Helen Louise Davenport, 4 Years Old, Is Victim Of Pneumonia

Helen Louise Davenport, four-year-Davenport, of the Scuppernong section, died Monday morning, January 19 after an illness lasting only a few days. Pneumonia was the cause of the until her death Monday.

County Agent R. D. Dunning has been kept busy recently cleaning and retreating tobacco seed, indications now pointing to an increased acreage to this crop in Washington County next year. Mr. Dunning said Tuesday that he had already treated enough seed to plant about 1,000 acres, and he expects to have more brought to

ing on his schedule. While many farmers are undecided about the number of acres to be devoted to tobacco, the farm agent said he expected to see more than 1,200, which was approxi-

mately the acreage given to the weed last year. Many farmers were unable to obtain plants last year, and this was a deciding factor in keeping the acreage down.

Extension workers, the farm agent, and others informed as to the outlook for the price of tobac co this year are all advising a curtailment of acreage, but it begins him on the two Saturdays remainto look now as if Washington County farmers are going to disregard the advice. Some farmers plan to cut down on the amount planted, while a few have announced their intention of abandoning the crop altogether.

Salvation Army Appeals for Clothing, Shoes, and Books For Poor Children of County

Town Tax Collections Ahead of Last Year

The collection of town taxes is proceeding better than generally expected, it was reported at the city clerk's office yesterday. Although definite figures not obtainable, it is were thought that the amount collected at this time is a little ahead of collections at the same time last year. Chief P. W. Brown, who is also tax collector, is going after the delinquents, and it is hoped that there will be less property to sell this year than there was in 1930.

RECORDER HAD THREE CASES

Tuesday, Despite Small Number Cases

little girl's death. She was stricken posed of in recorder's court here Tues- last month. Mrs. Brewer stated, how- court at the school auditorium. day, the court was kept in session the ever, that there were not funds enough The girls' game was close and hard come.

Little Helen was a very bright and bitterly contested, although they were requests received, and for that reason Peacock and Spruill were high scorers approaching and as you begin making on which the fourth paving installlovable child and will be sadly missed by many Baside har or spring planting bear in by many Baside har or spring planting bear in bar or spring planting bear in baside har or spring p by many. Besides her parents, she is the day totalled \$75, and one defendant cles throughout the county. survived by one vister, Virginia, will spend the next four months at Average daily attendance r

MANY UNABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL. SURVEY SHOWS Average Daily Attendance Records Suffer in Many Schools

The local post of the Salvation Ar- a drizzling rain falling, making it my is in need of old clothing and difficult for him to see. He did not cles and distributing them to the cident occurred.

needy. A program was put on at the Roper ROPER TEAMS school by Envoy and Mrs. Brewer Tuesday morning followin which they asked the children to bring what articles of discarded clothing that

their parents could spare. Books are old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. All-Day Session Was Held also needed by many children in order to continue their studies, it was said Food is being furnished to a number

of people by the local post, the cost of which is taken care of by donations went down to defeat at the hands of sent standard of living on the farm. Although only four cases were dis- secured during the drive put on here Roper Friday evening on the local Only a well rounded system of farm-

scoring for the visiting lassies

Council has not yet decided on the rates to apply after the meters are them repaired or service will be installed, although it is expected discontinued. road, that he saw the Hornthal car MUST GET AWAY **TOWN COUNCIL** FROM ONE CROP HOLDS MEETING

Meters in Town This Week

Adherence to Live-At-Home Program

A crew of workmen under the

supervision of Irving E. Ange, of

the municipal water and ice plant,

began the installation of water me-

ters here Monday. There are

about 250 of the instruments to be

put in, and it is hoped to complete

the work by March 1st. Five men

City Clerk Moye Spruill stated

are engaged in the task.

By C. H. Rabon

to make a living. Set aside sufficient

Loans Not Expected To

Help County Farmers

(Creswell Agriculture Instructor) In order that we may overcome this being kept out of school due to the was driving on his side of the road great depression now resting upon us presided over the session, which was attended by the following Council members: Harry Stell, A. E. Brothers, H. C. Spruill, G. D. Spruill, G. Davis, and B. G. Campbell. mean when we speak in terms of liv-

A contract was signed with the Viring at home? It isn't just merely ginia Electric and Power Company staying at home, but growing on the for furnishing electric current to run next Thursday morning, January 29, farm all of the foods and feed stuffs WIN TWO MORE the new electric pump for the water needed through the entire year for system. The pump was ordered last or both the family and live-stock. month and is expected to arrive within The farmers of today must stop Defeat Creswell 23-21 and thinking in terms of one crop or in a few weeks. When the new pumping equipment is installed the town will terms of only money crops. Under the do away with its present steam plant. present system of farming, we should the cost of operating which has berealize that no cash crop will bring us Both of Creswell's basketball teams sufficient income to support the precome excessive since the town ceased

Canning Plant Operator Makes

Proposition to County Growers

that they will be worked out on a

sliding scale above a certain quan-

a close check of water lines and

blished, as leaky fixtures will run

after they are put on meters. The

city clerk said that after all of the

meters were installed a general

inspection would be made by town

Monday, March 2

Consumers are advised to make

tity as minimum

generating the electric power used The council passed an order authori-

ing will bring about the sufficient inzing the town tax collector, P. W.

entire day, several of the cases being to buy clothing and books for all the fought, Roper finally winning 23-21. The 1931 planting season is rapidly Brown, to advertise and sell property tively. Spear and Furlough led the mind that you should first of all plan Brown said yesterday that the sale

Begin Installation of Water PRICE RANGE IS FROM 20 TO 35 CENTS BASKET

Advertisers will find Beacon

ESTABLISHED 1889

and News columns a latch-key to

1,100 Washington County homes.

Farmers Meeting Is To Be Held Here Thursday, January 29

Prospects for the operation of the plumbing fixtures on their propertomato canning plant here again this ty before the new rates are estayear took a definite turn this week bills up faster than anything else when Mr. John W. Darden received a letter from Mr. Carroll Crockett, operator of the plant last year mak ing a tentative proposition to the growers of the county for their product. The price received by the growauthorities, and whereever defective fixtures of lines are found the ers last year averaged about 25 cents owners will be required to have per basket, while the proposition made this week by Mr. Crockett is on a little different basis, the price ranging fro 20 cents per basket to 35 cents.

Following is the scale of prices offered by the canning plant operator for this year: From June 10 to June FRIDAY NIGHT 20, 5 cents per basket for green tomatoes; from June 20 to July 4, 30 Order Sale of Property for from July 4 to July 12, green tomacents per basket for green tomatoes; toes, 25 cents per basket; ripe tomatoes, from June 10 to July 4, 25 cents per basket; and all green and ripe tomatoes, from July 12 for balance of

The Town Council held its regular meeting at the Muncipal Building last season, 20 cents per basket.

Friday night. Mayor R. P. Walker ett to be here within the next few days Mr. Darden is expecting Mr. Crock to hold a conference with a number of leading farmers, and it is expected that complete details will be worked D. out at this conference. A general mass

meeting of tomato growers was also announced by Mr. George W. Hardison to be held at the courthouse here at 10:30 a. m., when it is thought a definite proposition will be submitted to them. Mr. Darden is acting as representative of Mr. Crockett, and he expects to be able to present de tails of the plan of operation year at the meeting next Thursday.

It is not know how the above prices will be received by the growers. Some farmers lost money on the crop last year, while others made a profit at 25 cents per basket. County Agent R. E.

Dunning said vesterday that under the above proposition he did not believe the crop would average bringing the producers more than 22 1-2 or 23 would be held on the fourth Monday cents a basket as very few would be

against his friend's attempt to cross. Young Hornthal, who is very popu- Creswell Teacher Advises lar here, stated that he was driving between 35 and 40 miles an hour, that it was just about dark and there was

shoes, it was stated by Mrs. W. C. see the colored boy, and the evidence Brewer Tuesday. Many children are given at the inquest proved that he inadequacy of their clothing, and the at a reasonable rate of speed. He was we must begin following the line at Army relief workers hope to remedy accompanied by his sister, Miss home program with greater interest the situation by gathering these arti- Martha Hornthal, at the time the ac- than ever before. Now what do we

49-14, To Keep Record

Clear of Losses

however, before the doctor arrived. Martin County authorities were immediately notified, and Coroner S. R Biggs, of Williamston, conducted an inquest. After examining several with

this week that none of the meters will be used until all of them have nesses, the jury exonerated Hornthal, been installed. Consumers will declaring the killing was accidental, continue to pay at a flat rate now and that the driver of the car was not prevailing until then. The City responsible in any way for the hap-

In his story to the jury, Herman James, a friend to Thelton, stated that

he and Thelton started to cross the coming from Plymouth and two others traveling toward Plymouth. He realized that he could not cross safely TYPE FARMING until the cars passed, and he warned

Paving Assessments on

Dan; her grandparents, and several of the proceedings.

Scuppernong Christian Church, con-ing from the opposite direction, and ducted the funeral service. Interment ducted the funeral service. Interment was assessed a fine of \$35 and one- weather. Shoes are especially needed Roper teams have lost a game. was made in the cemetery at Scupper- half of the court costs.

nong.

Indulging Too Freely in Spirits Leads to Arrest duct and fined \$10 and the other half SUPERIOR COURT Ladies of the Mount Tabor Free Will

made in the cemetery at the church. interest.

Meeting At Roper

ceny Leo White prominent young man jury brought in a verdict of guilty of of color, of Mackeys Ferry, was Wed- receiving and having in their possesnesday assigned to the County Road sion stolen property, knowing it to Camp for a term of five months, by have been stolen, and they were each Taking up the trial of civil cases secretary, Miss Caddie Hairr; assistant Recorder E. L. Owens, at a special given a sentence of four months on the Wednesday of last week, the superior secretary, Mrs. Florence Furlough; county roads.

Interviewed today at the trial Leo David Wood and Ann Nora Williams calendar Thursday, and Judge W. C. responding secretary. Miss Adelia Amstated that the cause of his sudden were found guilty of simple assault. Harris, of Raleigh, who presided, ad- brose; sick committee, Mrs. Aletha downfall was attributed to excessive Wood was fined \$20 and one-half the journed the court for the term at Furlough, Mrs. Casanda Barnes, and use of a well known Washington costs, while Ann Williams was asses- noon. Only a few cases were disposed Mrs. Sallie Hairr. It sed \$10 and the other half of the of, most of the actions being of minor Twenty-two members were enroll- fund recently made available by the Pleasant Grove Woman's Club Tues-It is felt that if the farmers will County product of liquid form. seems that Leo, after having indulged costs.

thers.

Missionary Society

too freely of the warmth-giving fluid vesterday strolled down to Mackeys railroad station and there the affects James William Marriner of his beverage began to wane in his

body but to congest in his head and as a consequence he stepped abroad

and threw Captain Pruden's best over- near Roper, died at his home there and interest. coat out the window with a view of Monday, January 19, after an illness of General Motors Acceptance Cormaking further use of same after the train should leave, having neglected years old, and had gradually been Judgment for plaintiff in sum of \$40 assent to the loan. As a result Leo was Funeral services were held at the General Motors Acceptance Corporarrested for theft. Piney Grove Church Tuesday after- ation vs. Claudius McGowan. Judg-

Mrs. Sarah Stillman

Mrs. Sarah O'Neal Stillman, the wife of Mr. Carlie Stillman, a former resident of the Pleasant Grove section, died Friday, January 16. She was born May 25, 1904, and married Mr. Stillman on September 24, 1921.

The Roper Circuit Missionary Auxi- Infant Daughter of Mr. Surviving are her husband, three liary of the Methodist church held its children, Iris, Claud, Julian, and Car- regular monthly meeting at the home lie Jr.; four sisters, Mrs. Joe Davis, of Mrs. H. M. Williams Monday af- Little Helen Gray Ange, one-yearof Alligator: Mrs. Dewey Norris, of ternoon. A very interesting program old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Columbia; Mrs. Percy Hughes, of Eli- was rendered on the subject of Leon Ange, who live about two miles O'Neal, of Swan Ouarter.

Alister in February. church.

three brothers, Leroy. Howard and the prison farm near here, as a result several of the county schools are suf-Dan; her grandparents and several of land for a large garden, in March, while the advertising will several of the county schools are sut-iering, particularly in the primary de-ed a 49-14 victory, with some beauti-grow enough feed for your live stock, when the first week in February. Those the period from June 10 to 20, when aunts and uncles. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the members of the hereaved family nembers of the bereaved family. Rev. Roy Respass, pastor of the amount of highway to a car approach-answer is that they do not have suf-answer is that they do not have suf-and counted most of the markers. fields in pastures for your Swine herd with and of not yielding the proper and of not yielding the proper answer is that they do not have suf-and counted most of the markers. fields in pastures for your Swine herd with and counted most of the markers. fields in pastures for your Swine herd

> Tom Patrick, jointly indicted with for the smaller children at this time. Mount Tabor Women

the defendant in the preceding action, 6 CIVIL CASES IN was found guilty of disorderly con- 6

Adjourned Thursday At Noon

court of Washington completed the treasurer, Mrs. Lucy Davenport; cor-

and interest.

vorce granted.

rendered in favor of plaintiff.

And Mrs. J. L. Ange Dies

y default in most of the cases tried. The next meeting is scheduled to be of the one last year, County Agent R. Tarkenton, presided. Cases disposed of were as follows: held at the church on Tuesday after-Diatio Partie Parnes vs. Bertie Barnes, di-Diatio Parnes vs. Ber Phalis Barnes vs. Bertie Barnes, di- noon, February 10, at 2:30 o'clock. Dies at Home Near Roper vorce granted.

James William Marriner, prominent als. Judgment was rendered in favor Ernest Poston for their interest and the government. the society.

several months. Mr. Marriner was 72 poration vs. Hattie A. and P. H. Bell. Home Agent's Schedule

Officers were elected as follows

President, Mrs. Lillie Bateman; vice

Miss Pratt Covington, county de- not received any information about the discussed. lows:

Monday, Wenona; Tuesday, Scup-J. S. Shugar vs. George McNair, et als. Judgment of \$343 and interest pernong: Wednesday, Beech Grove: Zion Home Demonstration in the home. Thursday, Piney Grove; Friday, leaders' school on house furnishings, at 10 o'clock in the courthouse, Ply

mouth: Saturday, curb market. Recorder's Court To Be

Held Monday Next Week an interesting demonstration on pic- Calls Out Local Company tures, bringing out the value of a pic-

|served delightful refreshments. ground on the old Ange home place. court.

year you will be more satisfied with council, and George Coburn was ap-20 cents, he believes, thus bringing your system of farming than if you pointed to serve in his place.

An informal discussion was held re- the average down. had planted only one or two cash Reorganize Aid Society crops. Do not risk all eggs in one basket. Last year it is estimated that around pump, although no action was taken.

Pleading guilty to a charge of lar-env Leo White prominent young man James and Jethro Respass were booked on a charge of larceny, but the Court Finished Work and Baptist Church met Tuesday after-noon of last week and reorganized FEDERAL ACT TO tus will be erected at the water tank. the Ladies' Aid Society of the church. GIVE LITTLE AID after blue prints are received showing problem connected with the under-

president, Mrs. Martha Jane Phelps: Feed, Seed, and Fertilizer ment.

Pleasant Grove Woman's

But little aid can be expected in Washington County from the special Mrs. H. G. Spruill and Mrs. W. B. \$45,000,000 drought and flood relief Everett were joint hostessess to the last year.

importance. Judgments were rendered ed at the initial meeting last week. United States Government, if the fund day afternoon at the home of Mrs. plant fewer acres and then give the by default in most of the cases tried. The next meeting is scheduled to be is to be administered along the lines Spruill. The new president, Mrs. J. C. crop closer attention than they did

The members of the society wish to not one loan was made in this coun- roll call and minutes, leaders were sidered a difficult one to raise, re-J. S. Shugar vs. Arthur Woodley et express their thanks to Rev. and Mrs. ty, due to the restrictions imposed by elected for the new year as follows: quiring very little cultivation. The

the Norfolk Southern passenger train and threw Captain Pruden's best overgress, and signed by the President, J. C. Tarkenton was named leader for uct. sets up a \$45,000,000 fund to be loaned yard improvement; Mrs. W. A. Swain,

to farmers whose crops were ruined garden leader; and Mrs. T. E. Ainsley For Week Is Announced by the drought and floods of last sum-mer for the purchase of seed, feed, and monstration for the February meeting. fertilizer. The county agent here has Plans for the year's work were also

noon, January 20th, interment being ment for plaintiff in sum of \$106 and monstration agent, yesterday an- arranging of loans under the measure After the business meeting, Miss plates has about come to a standstill, nounced her schedule for the week be- so far, and it is not known whether or Covington gave a splendid demonstra- So far about two-thirds as many tags

> Club in Meeting Thursday A social hour followed, during tion was in a large measure respon-The Zion Home Demonstration club The next meeting will be with Mrs. year. met last Thursday at the home of Ida Hodges, in February,

zabeth City: and Miss Hilda Billie "Stewardship." Those taking part in from Plymouth on the old Mackeys It was announced yesterday that ture in each room, telling how to hang The firemen were called out last county will likely undergo a drastic the program included Mrs. J. Bas- road, died Tuesday morning, January the term of recorder's court scheduled them, selecting the type suitable for Friday morning to extinguish a small curtailment this year, according to Funeral services were conducted in com Hurley, Mrs. H. M. Williams, 20th. The little girl had been sick for to be held next Tuesday would be each room, and other particulars. the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and Mrs. Jack Alister, Following the several days prior to her death. Sunday morning, January 18, at 10 o'- business session a social hour was en- The funeral was held Wednesday ward L. Owens is required to appear yard improvement leader, and Miss Fourth Streets. Two small holes were on this crop in the section, and many sunday morning, January 10, at 10 5 - burned in the come-loyed, delicious refreshments being by Dr. Conley Grier, pastor of the Ply- before a pardon board in Raleigh on Mattie Davenport will give a short detery at Riders Creek. Her loss will served by the hostess. The next meet- mouth Christian Church, interment Tuesday, which is the reason for the monstration at the February meeting be deeply felt in her community and ing will be held with Mrs. Jack Mc- being made in the family burying change in the regular time of the as a special feature. Mrs. Knowles

the price is 35 cents. Some would probably get in on the 30-cent price, W. R. Hardison's resignation as and many would be able to sell part

in his county, and approximately ing large enough for the new appara- \$65,000 were paid out to the growers by the cannery during the season. The county agent believes the biggest the amount of space required and taking is to secure a better yield, and

other specifications of the new equip- with the experience gained from last brought about.

Mr. Dunning said that an average of 400 to 450 baskets to the acre should Club Holds Meet Tuesday be realized if the plants were given proper attention, and vields as high as 700 baskets per acre were reported

Mrs. W. B. Chesson, Mrs. L. D. Col- most expensive part of the work is

Town License Tag Sale Is About at Standstill

The sale of town automobile license formation on selecting, hanging, and Mr. Moye stated that a number of arra ging pictures for different rooms people had put their cars up and were not driving them, and that this condi-

Acreage of May Peas

The acreage to May peas in this



the home demonstration agent, gave Small Fire Friday Morning Prospects Are For Small

O'Neal Died Friday Mr. Marriner is survived by two bro-Name Pyshny vs. Mabel Pyshny; di-lows: stricken areas or not.