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6 CASES IN COURT HERE TUESDAY

Several Defendants Sent to County Roads and Two Are Given Fines

The six cases tried in the recorder's court here Tuesday had a total of eleven defendants, several of the charges being blanket indictments against more than one person. Several were sent to the roads and two were fined. Proceedings follow:

Rhinehart Rayles plead not guilty to carrying a concealed weapon, but the court disagreed with him, found him guilty, and sentenced him to serve 8 months on the county roads.

William Cooper, also charged with carrying a concealed weapon, admitted he was guilty of shooting on the streets here, and was likewise given an 8 months' sentence.

Joe Bruden, Viola Boyd, and Magnolia Ford were tried for assault with deadly weapon, all pleading not guilty. Joe Bruden was found guilty as charged and given 8 months to think it over, while Viola Boyd was declared guilty of simple assault, fined \$10 and costs. Magnolia Ford was found not

Viola Boyd and Clarence Johnston were declared guilty of violating the prohibition law. Johnston drew a 6months sentence, while Viola Boyd was given an 8-months term suspended on condition of good behavior.

larceny. The case against Johnston ment, average attendance and per- 4,517 in 1930, an increase of 926 or ing plant is installed. He is to look was not prossed, while Gilliam was centage for the various schools of the 22.3 per cent. found guilty and sentenced to the county during the week ending Febroads for 12 months

Jerry White and Henry Miller were also booked on counts of larceny. Henry Miller was adjudged guilty of receiving stolen property and fined \$15 and half the costs, while White was White Schools ordered to pay the other half of the costs. Both men noted appeals to the Wenona superior court, bond being fixed at Roper

HUNTING SEASON ABOUT OVER

Only Two More Days Left Back Woods Mt. DeLane Before Closed Season Begins

Washington County hunters have Long Ridge only two more days in which to enjoy their sport before the season ends on every type of wild game except that outlawed by the State Department of Conservation and Development. The season closes February 15 on rabbits, mink, skunk, otter, muskrat, raccoon, opposum, quail, and wild turkey, which just about closes the list. The season on squirrels and most of the other Adopt Tentative Program teaching science and history in the low was little for them to do. The comcal high school since the beginning of mission was established by an act of and they require a special size, which types of game closed January 15.

The wildcat is the only animal listed by the Department of Conservation English sparrows, great horned owl, a program for each day was outlined. took over his new duties here Monday. arrival here. Coopers hawk, sharp-shinned hawk, County Superintendent J. W. Nor- It is understood that Mr. Wright animals committing depredations to day, February 16, and continues to Mr. John Brown at the beginning OF TOTAL VALUE or three hours each day. Before the instance.

Pleasant Grove Aid

cises and roll call, Mrs. C. W. Snell "The Family Garden." rendered the treasurer's report, the Activities to be followed in the collection of dues and birthday fees various institutions include papers to 11 a. m.

esting program was presented, several The week is being observed at the sug- Junior Order To Have members of the society taking part. A gestion of the State Department of very timely and interesting paper, Education in carrying out the live-at-"Mind the Light," was read by Mrs. home idea of Governor Gardner. W. A. Swain. The hostess served a meeting will be held with Mrs. W. A.

Roper Ladies' Aid Society

monthly meeting. The devotional ser-dent. After the usual exercises, Mrs. Jamesville's fast teams on the latter's debt of \$6,224,625, or 42.5 per cent of God in the Midst of the World's the club just how it was made.

course was served by the hostess.

RECORDER TRIES Population Figures Show That Only One Township

DECREASES ARE Tabulated Census ALSO SHOWN BY Figures for County TWO OF 4 TOWNS

Following is the tabulated

1930 1920

2,139 1,847

3,424 3,796

4.517 3.691

2,464 2,651

1,202 1,291

350

106

660 1,043

393

census returns for the various

towns and townships of Wash-

Towns

Townships

County totals . 11,603 11,429

Average Attendance,

And Percentage

ington County:

Plymouth

Creswell

Lees Mills

Scuppernong

Skinnersville

Plymouth

ruary 6, 1931:

Deep Bottom Brooks

Marrattock

Roper

Plymouth and Cherry Show Gains: Others Smaller Than in 1920

Bureau of the Census, Washington, Campbell were absent. D. C., present some interesting facts.

ATTENDANCE AT the only one to record a gain. Fol-schedules of rates. COUNTYSCHOOLS lowing are the figures: Lees Mills It is expected that the rates of these submitted. Figures Show Enrollment, 1930 against 2,651 in 1920; decrease of long the same general lines. 7.2 per cent. Skinnersville township, On motion of Mr. Brothers, se-The following table was prepared 1,202 in 1930 against 1,291 in 1920; de-conded by Mr. Stell, it was ordered in the office of the county school crease of 89, or 6.9 per cent. Plymouth that the town retain the services of Lette Gilliam and Clarence Johnston; superintendent and shows the enroll-township grew from 3,691 in 1920 to Mr. Irving Ange after the new pump-

> the county, two showed increases and grew from 1,847 in 1920 to 2,139 in this action with a motion, seconded by being 99 in 1920 against 106 in 1930, duty at nights at the pumping station. increase of 7, or 7 per cent. The town One man is required to be on duty .654 to 660 in 1930, a decrease of 383, or gulations.
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> .886 36.7 per cent. Creswell fell from 393 Mayor Walker was made a committee .759 in 1920 to 350 in 1930(a decrease of of one, on motion of Mr. Stell, second-gallons, a leak this small would use H. Spear, and a host of other relatives 43, or 10.9 per cent.

> These figures show that a total of towns of the county now, against 3,- price obtainable for cash. 382 in 1920, a loss of 77. Whereas the 741 was recorded by the farms, there being cepted by the council, Mr. Brothers pressure, which is the head maintained church, conducted by Rev. Roy Resa total of 8,298 now living outside of 824 a total of 8,298 now living outside of 943 the incorporated places against 8,047 .708 in 1920, a gain of 251, or 3.1 per cent. .782 being from farms to the towns.

Edgar Spruill, superintendent.

New Teacher Arrives MEET AT ROPER

For Observance of Live- the term, resigned last week to ac- the legislature, and another will be re- had to be ordered. An inspection is to At-Home Week and Development that has no closed At a meeting of Washington Counselland and Development that has no closed at a meeting of Washington Counselland and Development that has no closed by the inspector partment answered a total of 21 fire the house she went over to a wash

through Friday.

Society Holds Meet "Importance in the Kind of Daily played without the services of a coach. Food to the Family." Tuesday, "The The Pleasant Grove Aid Society economic Food Value of the Family Program of Services at met at the home of Mrs. N. T. Everett Cow"; Wednesday, "The Importance 6 o'clock. Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton pre- "Why There Should Be Enough Roper-Rev. A. H. Marshall, Rector showing the percentage of public-losided. Following the devotional exer- Hogs Raised for the Family"; Friday, Sunday School at 10 a. m.—Mr. cal debt against the assessed valua- Scuppernong Woman's

for the meeting amounting to \$3.95. be written by the students, as well as After the routine business, an inter- the making and displaying of posters.

delightful sweet course. The March Home Demonstration Club February 16, at the lodge hall, it was debt was 16 per cent of the total va- of bad weather, which was the reason

The Home Demonstration Club of All members are urged to attend. Roper held its regular monthly meet-In Regular Meet Monday ing Wednesday, February 4, at the Jamesville Cagers Lose home of Mrs. R. C. Chesson with 10
The Ladies' Aid Society of the Roper Methodist Church met with Mrs. absence of the president, the meeting of \$135,465, had the lowest percentage was presided over by the vice president.

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Two Games to Roper the county.

Currituck County, with a total debt were present. One new members was considered both of in the State, 27, while Carteret had a day, Creswell; Friday, Alba; Saturday.

Frith Winslow, superintendent. home of Mrs. R. C. Chesson with 10 C. E. Mizelle Monday at its regular was presided over by the vice presi- cage teams met and defeated both of in the State, 2.7, while Carteret had a hld with Mrs. M. F. Davenport. vice was led by Mrs. F. D. Wilson, L. S. Brey, club demonstrator for the out-door court. The girls' score was fts total valuation. Counties that had president. Mrs. J. Bascom Hurley read February meeting, displayed a very 26 to 12 in favor of Roper, with a higher percentage than Washington Beauty Contest Is Held a very interesting article, "A Friendly pretty flower basket and explained to Spruill scoring 14 points, Peacock 6, included Guilford, Durham, Cumber-

At a previous meeting the society the meeting and gave a very compre- Waters, 2. had been divided into two circles for hensive demonstration on floor finish- The boys' game held a great deal the purpose of raising money, the lea- ing, explaining the correct methods of interest for both teams as each Benefit Valentine Party ders being Mrs. Jack McAlister and for waxing, oiling, painting, and quintet had heretofore played eight Mrs. R. C. Chesson. Quite a bit of varmishing floors and flow to care for games without a single defeat. James friendly competition was engaged in them. She also gave a very economical ville taking the small end of the 21. The Methodist Missionary Society Phelps rivaled her with 740. Roy Valentine's day, with favors for each stated that she hoped to complete ar-Mrs. R. C. Chesson. Quite a bit of varnishing floors and how to care for games without a single defeat. Jamestriendly competition was engaged in them. She also gave a very economical ville taking the small end of the 21 the Methodist Missionary Society during the month, and at this meeting recipe for preparing the wax. The to 6 count, Roper quint thus won its will have a benefit Valentine Party toit was found that Mrs. Chesson's cir- meeting was then turned over to the 9th game of the season, with both night (Friday) at the home of Mrs. boy with Morton Marriner holding idea. social committee, which conducted an Peacock and Blount making seven David Hurley, the festivities begin-second. The senior class is distinguish- After an evenings merriment at tin's Dining Room," and she promises After the business session, a sweet interesting contest. The hostess served points each, Everett four and Griffin, ning at 8 p. m. The public is cordially ed by having both these celebrities in dancing the guests were refreshed by prospective patrons "an abundance of a dainty salad course.

REGULAR MEET TOWN COUNCIL IS HELD FRIDAY

Had Increase Since 1920 To Make Study of Water Rates of Other Towns In This Section

The Town Council held its regular meeting last Friday night at the municipal building, the session being devoted principally to the discussion and disposition of a number of matters of minor importance. Mayor R. P. Walker presided, and the following council men were present: G. D. Davis, Har-Population figures on Washington ry Stell, H. C. Spruill, and E. A. Bro- With the completion of the task of county, recently released through the thers. H. A. Williford and B. G. installing water meters throughout

The county as a whole had a popula- rates to be made effective when the water they were using, and to say that tion of 11,603, against 11,429 in 1920, meters system is adopted February 15. the majority of them were surprised an increase of 174 for the 10-year per- A number of local people have pro- would be putting it mildly. The imiod, or 1.5 per cent. During the 10- tested that the scale announced a few mediate reaction was an almost uniyear period from 1910 to 1920, the weeks ago is too high, and the council-versal demand for a lower schedule of county grew from 11,062 to 11,429, or men are considering increasing the rates than that announced week before minimum number of gallons to be last by the town council. The matter While the county as a whole was used, it is understood. The clerk Moye was taken up at the regular meeting registering a small increase during W. Spruill, was instructed to write the of the city fathers last Friday night, the 10 years from 1920 to 1930, three water departments of six other towns and they are now making inquiries of of the four townships were going in this section about the size of Ply-other towns about the size of Plybackwards, Plymouth township being mouth and request a copy of their mouth as to their rates, and it is pos-

township, 3,424 in 1930 against 3,796 other towns will be studied at the The principal objection of local citiin 1920; decrease of 372, or 9.2 per next meeting of the council, and a zens seems to be that the number of cent. Scuppernong township, 2,460 in chedule for Plymouth worked out gallons of water permitted at the mini-

after the pumps and equipment during Of the four incorporated towns in the daytime and have general supervi-

metal roofing now being removed from days. 3,305 people live in the incorporated the municipal building at the best Another source of waste is allowing throughout the community, and he will

making the motion, which was second- here, an opening of 1-8 inch will flow pass. Interment was made in the faed by Mr. Stell.

States was just the reverse of this, man and request him to have a bill in- per minute; 5-8 inch, 78.1 gallons. An which he was held. town of Plymouth. Members of the To Assume Duties Here commission resigned several months an hour. ago, due to the fact that the town had Workmen last week completed the Mr. Walter Roberson, who has been disposed of its electric plant, and there installation throughout the town, only

of the baseball season. The basketball

ing To Figures in State School Publication

St. Lukes Church, Roper News Letter recently carried a table full all of the time now. Holy Communion and sermon at State, as of June 30, 1929, the latest year for which figures are available. You are welcome to these services.

There will be an important meeting 600, and city and town debt other than ing and the February demonstation of ment. of Plymouth Rock Council, No. 213, city schools was \$390,154, making a finishing old floors. The January Jr. O. U. A. M. next Monday night, grand total of \$1,286,354. The total meeting had been called off on account Home Agent's Schedule At Roper Holds Meeting announced this week by R. L. Tetter- luation of property in the county. for two demonstrations. Mrs. Norton, one of the officials of the order. However, of this amount, the county man also demonstrated the use of Miss Pratt Covington, county home itself is only indebted for \$717,600, the gourds in the home, as flower con-agent, announces her schedule for Program of Services balance being for bonds issued by tainers, work baskets, etc. school districts, cities and towns in Due to the large amount of sickness Monday, Plymouth; Tuesday, Pleas-

Two Games to Roper the county. and Collins the remaining 6. For the land, Brunswick, Buncombe, and Miss Covington then took charge of losers, Gaylord made 5, Ange 5, and Henderson, which are considered among the richest part in the State.

invited to attend.

Many Citizens Checking Up On Amount of Water Being BEREORGANIZED Consumed; Much Is Wasted Principal E. H. Hicks New

BIG DECREASE RECORDED IN AMOUNT USED

Reduction in Scale of Rates Asked; Councilmen Are Studying Problem

the town last week, Plymouth citizens The council first discussed water began to theck up on the amount of sible that revised scheduled will b

mum rate is too small. It is probable that the entire matter will be threshed day night of next week.

are urging consumers to check up on register a gain, the population there lation of the new pumps to be on that an opening of only one-sixteenth and Mrs. Spear.

> a faucet to remain open when the wa- be sadly missed. 3.13 gallons per minute; an opening of mily cemetery. troduced in the legislature to abolish opening of 3-4 inch, which is the size

cept an appointment to the United quired to abolish the body.

States Aviation Service. Mr. RoberStates Aviation Service Mr. RoberStates Av

meters were installed, it was kept run- Mr. Gurkin had no record of the

Club Meeting Monday flames spreading.

By Roper High School

The Junior class of Roper High Sidney Ward was a charming host its midst.

Saturday, February 14, Is St. Valentine's Day

Saturday, February 14, being St. Valentine's Day, it will probably be of interest to many readers to learn how it originated. During the reign of the Roman Emperor Claudius, a decree was issued forbidding soldiers to marry because married men thought more of their homes than they did of warfare. The good Saint Valentine invited young couples to come to him, so legend says, and he secretly married them. He thereby became the lovers' saint, and the day on which he suffered martyrdom was dedi-

YOUNG MAN DIES AT CHERRY HOME

Last Wednesday

Wilson Oliver,, 16, died at the home cil, which is scheduled to be held Fri- Cherry, Tuesday, February 3, after an session tonight. illness with pneumonia lasting about Mr. Hicks stated that a series of In the meantime, town authorities a week, his death coming as a shock contests are being arranged for the to friends in the community. The son boys to engage in, and in addition boxtheir water lines and fixtures and have of Mr. and Mrs. Natham Oliver, he ing and basketball will probably take two decreases. The town of Plymouth the town. Councilman Stell followed all leaks, however, small, remedied before the meters are officially read for died when he was only two years old, on the school basketball court in or-1930, an increase of 292, or 15.8 per Mr. Spruill, empowering Mr. Ange to the first time February 16. It was and since that time he has made his der that the Scouts may play at night. cent. Cherry was the other town to employ E. A. Mizelle after the instal-

of an inch in a pipe or around a fix- He is survived by his father, Mr. fected. The Scoutmaster is anxious to ture would mean a leak of 78-100 of Natham Oliver; one sister, Virginia get as many boys as possible in the of Roper dropped from 1,043 in 1920 at all times by fire underwriters' rehour, or 1,123 gallons in 24 hours, his grandparents; the uncle and aunt ed to come to the meeting tonight. ed by Mr. Spruill, to dispose of the old up the minimum in less than three and friends. His bright and generous LITTLE CHILD disposition made him a favorite

A. J. Riddle's offer of \$75 for the ter is not being used. Figures furnish- Funeral services were held Wednestowns lost in population a decided gain town's ice wagon and harness was ac- ed Mr. Spruill show that, at 48 pounds day afternoon at Phillipi Christian The city clerk was instructed to 1-4 an inch will release 12.5 gallons per largely attended and the many floral dolyn Gurganus, the 3-year-old daugh-The trend throughout the United write Representative Zeb Vance Nor- minute; 1-2 inch opening, 50.2 gallons tributes attested the esteem in ter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Gur-

Answers Total of 21 Alarms

and Development that has no closed. At a meeting of Washington Coun-son was also count of the house she went over to a wash season. They are outlawed, and it is ty principals held in Roper Tuesday teams of the high school.

He was town, and Mayor Walker was dele-will have to be repaired within 30 days alarms during 1930, it was reported by pot and peeped in, the fire underneath lawful to kill them at any time. Unprotected birds are listed as follows: live-at-home week in the schools, and Wright, of Cleveland County, who have the equipment installed upon its according to the fire underneath to reservice will be discontinued.

A considerable saving in was reported by pot and peeped in, the fire underneath catching her dress. Mrs. Gurganus have the equipment installed upon its according to the little girl and already been effected, it was stated by of which occured last Christmas Day, rushed to her, before she could check Mr. Moye this week. The steam pump, The other 15 calls were to small blazes the flames the child was fatally burned. crow, jay, blackbird, and buzzard. It is also permissible to kill birds and week to be observed begins next Monminimum speed, and is cut off for two the men responded quickly in each burned when she fought the flames.

> The tentative program outlined by team has only a few more games the principals is as follows: Monday, scheduled, and they will probably be incompletely and the principals is as follows: Monday, scheduled, and they will probably be incompletely and the principals is as follows: Monday, scheduled, and they will probably be incompletely and the principals is as follows: Monday, scheduled, and they will probably be incompletely and the principals is as follows: Monday, scheduled, and they will probably be incompletely and the principals is as follows: Monday, scheduled, and they will probably be incompletely and the principals is as follows: Monday, scheduled, and they will probably be incompletely and the principals is as follows: Monday, scheduled, and they will probably be incompletely and the principals is as follows: Monday, scheduled, and they will probably be incompletely and the principals is as follows: Monday, scheduled, and they will probably be incompletely and the principals is as follows: Monday, scheduled, and they will probably be incompletely and the principals is a scheduled, and they will probably be incompletely and the principals is a scheduled, and they will probably be incompletely and the principals is a scheduled, and they will probably be incompletely and the principals is a scheduled, and they will probably be incompletely and the principals is a scheduled, and they will probably be incompletely and the principal and the p hours every day, and then it was sel-extinguished before enough loss to re-Chapter of U. D. C. held its monthly dom possible to keep the tank full.
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> The tank overflowed last week for the estimated that at least \$20,000 damage of Mrs. W. R. White with Mesdames The University of North Carolina first time in many weeks, and it is kept would have resulted if the company W. F. Winslow and Kathryn Harrihad not been adequately equipped to son as joint how sons as joint how sons. loss that would have resulted from the Mrs. R. P. Wilker read a sketch, fol-

The Scuppernong Woman's Club gasoline, oil, and upkeep of the trucks literary program a social hour was en-Washington County stood eightythird held its regular meeting at the home was less than \$20, the fire chief re- joyed. Miss Helen Harrison gave a of Mrs. H. W. Norman Monday after- ported, and as the firemen receive no piano selection, while Misses Virginia At that time the county-wide debt noon. Following the opening exer-salaries or other compensation, this Bradshaw and Mary Elizabeth Brey Meet Monday Night was \$717,600 the district and township cises, Miss Covington gave both the represents the entire cost for the year.

Meet Monday Night debt, including city schools was \$178,- January demonstration on picture hang- There are 22 members of the depart- At the close of the

the coming week, as follows:

curb market.

Informal Dance

School sponsored a contest from Feb. at an informal dance on Thursday everuary 2 to 6 for the prettiest girl and ning, given at his home on W. Main It was definitely learned vesterday the ugliest boy in school. Margaret street. The living room and reception that Mrs. Martin is planning to open a Will Be Staged Tonight

Davenport received 800 votes and was hall were ensuite, and very at dining room in the Owens Building voted the prettiest girl, while Helen tractively decorated suggestive of St. adjoining the office of Dr. Bray. She

LOCAL TROOP OF **BOY SCOUTS WILL**

ESTABLISHED 1889

Scoutmaster: To Hold Meeting Tonight

Steps were taken last Friday night o reorganize the local troop of Boy Scouts, when Principal E. H. Hicks, or the city schools, called a meeting at the schoolhouse for all boys who are interested in the work. About 25 or 30 boys responded to the call, practically all of them members of the troop that formerly existed here, but which almost went out of existence due to lack of interest.

The newly organized troop is to be sponsored by the chamber of commerce, it is understood, and Mr. Hicks Scoutmaster has been named as yet. Mr. Hicks stated yesterday that it was planned to register all of the boys with the national organization, which will enable the troop to receive the aid and counsel of the area scout executive, Mr. Herbert Stuckey, of Wilson, meetroom at the schoolhouse each Friday

Tests will be the order of the day at Wilson Oliver, 16, Victim the meeting to be held tonight, it is Of Pneumonia; Funeral understood, every boy being required to pass the tenderfoot rating before becoming a member. Besides those attending last Friday, a number of other out at the next meeting of the coun- of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Spear, near boys are expected to be present at the

DIES OF BURNS

3-Year-Old Girl Buried in County Friday; Died In Williamston

Funeral services for Frances Gwenganus, of Williamston, were held at Saints Delight church, in the Westthe water and light commission of the gallons per minute, or 6.780 gallons in 15 SMALL FIRES over section, last Friday afternoon, Rev. Conley Grier, of Plymouth, ofover section, last Friday afternoon, HERE LAST YEAR ficiating. The little girl died Thursday night as the result of severe burns received when she walked too near an teaching science and history in the lo- was little for them to do. The com- four places remaining to be metered, Local Volunteer Company open fire at the home of her parents Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Gurganus is the daughter of Mrs. Sarah Sitter-

U. D. C. Meeting

lowed by another interesting reading The actual cost to the town, for by Mrs. C. McGowan. After the

At the close of the program the hostessess served a delightful salad course with hot coffee.

Special guest of the chapter were For Week Announced Mesdames Henry Harrison and Har-

At Episcopal Church Rev. A. H. Marshall, Rector

Sunday School at 10 a. m.-Mr. Young People's Service League at

7 p. m.-Miss Louise Duvall, pres. Evening Prayer and sermon at 7:30, Mrs. Van B. Martin To

Open Dining Room Here