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ENROLLED ARE NOT PROMOTED

Superintendent Gives Ten Causes of Large Number Of Failures

County Superintendent of Schools J W. Norman has recently compiled statistics showing the number of children enrolled in the schools of Washington County for the 1929-30 term who were not promoted to the next higher grade for one cause or another. The figures will probably prove astonishing to the average citizen, as approximately 33 per cent of the total number of children enrolled were not promoted. However, this includes not only those students who failed in their studies but those who moved from one section to another, and those who dropped out for any cause after enrolling. It is also probable that some children are counted twice, where they moved from one school to another in the county, as they would in that case be enrolled twice while they would only be pro moted at the school they were attending at the close of the term.

There was very little difference in the percentage of failures among white high school and elementary students, the figures being: High school, 85 out of 358 enrolled, or 23.7 per cent; elementary grades, 354 out of 1,399 enrolled, or 25.3 per cent.

Colored high school children had a very low percentage of failures, only 13 out of the 86 enrolled failing to make their grades. In the elementary department a far different story is told. Out of the 1,495 colored pupils enrolled there, 582, or 39 per cent, were not promoted.

Mr. Norman pointed out that the total cost of operating the schools last year was \$104,472.59, or approximately \$31.29 for each of the 3,338 students enrolled. This would mean that the county spent \$34,763.19 to teach the 1,111 who failed, and the county superintendent inquires "Is it worth it?" He is using these figures as one o fthe main arguments for regular attendance of children after they are enrolled, as absences are responsible in many cases for failure to be promoted.

Superintendent Norman listed 10 of the principal reason for the failure of students, as follows: 1, irregular attendance; 2, lack of interest; 3, poorly prepared for the grade; 4, out of school on account of sickness; 5, indifference of parents; 6, pupils fail to prepare lessons; 7, tenant farmers moving and children lose by changing schools; 8, inattention on class; 9, insufficient working materials; 10 outside interests interfere with preparation of lessons.

DEATH OF MISS

Aged Woman Died Here Early Tuesday; Final Rites Wednesday

Tuesday morning about 1:25 at the promised. home of Mrs. Speller Pinkham here, Growers from Pitt, Bertie, Martin, Moore. Practically of the furniture was where it is more economical to do so, the past year. Miss Nurney had been in failing health since shortly before the crop a trial this year, in addition to the large number in this contribution to the large number in this contribution.

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daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. planting is not feasible in this section a nice hog. The firemen used water ticians of North Carolina have dared themselves of the opportunity to atthe planting is not feasible in this section a nice hog. The firemen used water ticians of North Carolina have dared themselves of the opportunity to atthe planting is not feasible in this section a nice hog. The firemen used water ticians of North Carolina have dared themselves of the opportunity to atthe planting is not feasible in this section a nice hog. The firemen used water ticians of North Carolina have dared themselves of the opportunity to atthe planting is not feasible in this section a nice hog. The firemen used water ticians of North Carolina have dared themselves of the opportunity to atthe planting is not feasible in this section a nice hog. The firemen used water ticians of North Carolina have dared themselves of the opportunity to atthe planting is not feasible in this section a nice hog. The firemen used water ticians of North Carolina have dared themselves of the opportunity to atthe planting is not feasible in this section a nice hog. The firemen used water ticians of North Carolina have dared themselves of the opportunity to atthe planting is not feasible in this section a nice hog. The firemen used water ticians of North Carolina have dared themselves of the opportunity to atthe planting is not feasible in this section and the nice hog. The firemen used water ticians of North Carolina have dared themselves of the opportunity to atthe planting is not feasible in this section and the nice hog. The firemen used water ticians of North Carolina have dared themselves of the opportunity to atthe planting is not feasible in this section and the nice hog. The nice hog is not feasible in this section and the nice hog is ni David Nurney. She was the last of before April 25, he says and plant beds from the big to lend support to the propositions, tend these services during this season doctor immediately and abide by his E. G. Harrison, T. T. Gardner, W. R. her family, her two brothers and one can be sowed at any time within the truck to keep the flames from spreading and while some of the suggested resister having preceded her to the grave next two weeks, the earlier the better, by a number of years. Her nearest of course. living relatives are four nephews, Messrs. W. T. and Clyde Nurney, of Sunday Services At of Plymouth; Silas Everett, of Nash County; Charlie Nurney, of Newport News, Va.; and two nieces, Mrs. Ida Batts and Mrs. Mollie Griffin, both of Nash County.

Miss Nurney, up to recent years was very active in affairs of the local Baptist church, of which she had long been a member. Funeral services were held in the church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Cantrell. Interment was made in the family plot in the old Baptist cemetery here.

Roper Storekeeper Catches en good concerning His church. 'Possum Robbing His Store

that breaks into stores and raids the organist. stock, J. W. Chesson, of Roper, discovered an opossum Saturday night that evidently has been stealing eggs, Monday To Be Holiday meat, etc. from his place of business tually tame him.

THIRD OF PUPILS First Loading of Poultry To Be Made Here Here Monday

The first of the 1931 cooperative poultry shipments will be made in this county next Monday, when a car will be placed on the siding at the A. C. L. station here, it was announced this week by County Agent R. E. Dunning. The car will be here for only one day.

Prices for the loading next Monday have not been released, but will be announced Saturday, the agent stated, adding that he would post the schedule on the bulletin board at the courthouse just as soon as he received them. That the prices will be lower than last season is almost certain, but the size of the reduction can only be guessed at for the present. The schedule of prices will be furnished by the State Division of Markets. It is expected that prices will at least two to five cents lower than last year, when colored hens commanded 22 cents a pound at the first loading.

Mr. Dunning is advising owners of poultry to cull their flocks at this time and get rid of the non-producers or 'boarder' hens. The agent hesitated in securing a car this season due to the expected low prices, but on account of a reported shortage feed and low prices prevailing on local markets, it was decided to schedule the car at once. It was announced that cars would be obtained at 30-day intervals provided the amount of poultry offered justified it.

Four Buildings Are Destroyed by Blaze

Town Council Will Hold Meet Tonight

The Town Council will hold its regular meeting tonight, with a number of important matters to be considered by the members. City Clerk Moye W. Spruill said yesterday that he had received replies to his requests for schedules of water rates of several towns in this section about the size of Plymouth, and it is considered likely that the town fathers will | give much time to this subject, with the possibility of a change being made in the rates announced here recently. A number of citizens have made protests against the schedule as announced and are asking for lower rates.

TOMATO SEED IS DISTRIBUTED

Early Planting Advised by County Agent; Expect Over 1,000 Acres

organization here at this time, received was burned, much of the stock being sioners. Miss Mary Nurney, aged 80, died contract, with at least 1,000 to 1,200 about \$1,500.

riends and relatives here.

Miss Nurney was born in Plymouth

Notober 18, 1850, and was the

Episcopal Churches ings drenched.

Grace Church, Plymouth Rev. Arthur H. Marshall, rector. Mr. Frith Winslow, Sunday school

superintendent. Mrs. Robert Johnston, organist. Miss Louise Duvall, president Y

P. S. L. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Young Peoples' Service League at 7 p. m.

St. Lukes Church, Roper

Sunday school, 10 a. m.

JUST OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS; NO prove an almost insurmountable of tacle even if the plan was favored.

Three Dwellings and Small Store Burned; Owned by Colored People

The fire originated in a two-story evident." stated that up to Tuesday noon, he no insurance on any of this property, and Moore's loss was estimated at family name in the register of deeds' season is awaited with interest by actually had about 250 acres under and Moore's loss was estimated at family name in the register of deeds' season is awaited with interest by

the flames was owned by Sophie ing of each county government and, Lenten Services At

The alarm was turned in by Mr. tract. Tuesday was not unexpected by Although early planting is advised, by the time firemen arrived the house throughout the State, the governor reseveral of which caught fire a number it is generally felt that the consolida- Roper Boys Win Two of times. Bucket brigades were also tion idea is a dead issue already. organized and kept the near-by build-

RECORDER HAD

Walter Ranson Fined \$25 For Assaulting Fireman; Appointment of County Appeal Is Noted

Only one case was tried before Re- George W. Hardison, chairman of held in Ahoskie March 6th and 7th. corder Edward L. Owens here Tues- the county board of commissioners and While the boys were winning, the hird from which was to get a setting of ring- school class taught by Mr. T. C. Burgess are making plans for buildp. m.

"Come thou with us, and we will be the good, for the Lord haht spoking good concerning His church.

"While the boys were winning, the county accountant, stated yesterday that it was not likely a county attorney that it was not likely a county attorney to succeed Jerry was attached to it and there was a would be appoined to succeed Jerry to Robersonville at that place Friday to Roberson Roberso do thee good, for the Lord haht spok- minor offense considerable interest that it was not likely a county attorney was attached to it and there was a would be appoined to succeed Jerry to Robersonville at that place Friday fairly good-sized crowd of spectators A. Sawyer, who was killed in an auto-

Instead of the usual two-legged thief superintendent, Mrs. J. A. Chesson, Walter Ransom was charged with the next regular meeting of the board won 8 games, including one from Rob-county. assault and with interference with a of commissioners Monday, March, 2. ersonville a few weeks ago. The score fireman in the performance of his So far there are no active candidates last week was 37 to 9. duty. The case grew out of the fire for the office among county attorneys duty. The case grew out of the fire for the office among county attorneys here Monday morning, it being alleged and no hint has been dropped as to Open Bids Last Week for tings are obligated to release the much interest in the project. At Bank and Post Office that Ransom ordered some small co- the probable selection of the board. lored boys to stop carrying water to In the meantime, Mrs. Sawyer is Bond was fixed at \$100.

COUNTY MERGER PROPOSITION IS

Consolidation of Washington and Tyrrell Among Those Proposed

The report of the Brookings Institution, which has made a thorough study of county government in North Carolina, was recently submitted to Governor Gardner, who authorized the study. Besides recommending a number of changes in the form of county government, the institution suggests the consolidation of a number of North Carolina counties in the interest of economy, among them Washington

and Tyrrell. While the consolidation program recommended is regarded very lightly in most circles, and there is little prospect of its adoption at any time in the near future, the report has caused quite a bit of comment, particularly in the sections that would be affected by consolidation. People in this section generally laugh at the proposal to the plan has very few supporters in The selection of a county seat would

HYDRANT NEAR ing the report, says that the division of the State into counties was made at a time when physical conditions were very different from now. "At that While the fishing season has not undeveloped, and the task of traveling Fire Monday morning destroyed from one point to another was frethree of them were saved by the for the division of the State into as river.

cupied by Noah Moore and family, and institution include an amendment to when sold fresh, and few are salted.

office is recommended, and the ins- practically every one in this section. several years. The fourth house to be consumed by titution would centralize the purchas-State bureau of purchase and con- during Lent will be as follows

Besides the Washington-Tyrrell merger proposed, other suggested consolidations in this section included ton as the county seat; and Pasquo-ONLY ONE CASE ton as the county seat; and Pasquo-Elizabeth City as county seat.

Only one case was tried before Re- George W. Hardison, chairman of participate in a tournamanet to be who wish to get a setting of ring-school class taught by Mr. T. C.

loss to rats and mice, several people in Washington's Birthday. February the fire truck, and when one of the proceeding with the collection of 1928 the store were astonished Saturday 22, falling on Sunday this year, next firemen, Miller Warren, asked him taxes, the task at which her husband week for the erection of a new post setting under a bantam hen. It is not night, after hearing a noise, when they Monday, the 23rd, will be observed as what he had to do with it, he replied was engaged at the time of his death. found the 'possum. The animal had a holiday by the local bank and post with a curse, a fight following. The evidently made his home under the offices throughout the county, it was defendant demanded trial by jury, the county accountant, and as she had one being \$70,250, while the lowest already made application for a num-nounced her schedule for the coming store for the past months and was learned today. No other observance is which brought in a verdict of guilty helped Mr. Sawyer in the preliminary was \$51,950, made by D. J. Rose & ber of Mexican quail to be distributed week, as follows: getting along fine on the provender planned in this section, so far as as charged. Judge Owens assessed him work of collecting for the tax certi- Sons Co., of Rocky Mount. Fourteen in the county this spring, and it is Monday, Plymouth; Tuesday, Zion; he found there. Mr. Chesson has the could be learned, and all other busi- with a fine of \$25 and the costs, to ficates, she had no difficulty in taking bids were from North Carolina firms, hoped to record a decided increase in Wednesday, Beach Grove; Thursday, but the costs are could be learned, and all other busi- with a fine of \$25 and the costs, to ficates, she had no difficulty in taking bids were from North Carolina firms, hoped to record a decided increase in Wednesday, Beach Grove; Thursday, but the costs are could be learned, and all other busi- with a fine of \$25 and the costs, to ficates, she had no difficulty in taking bids were from North Carolina firms, hoped to record a decided increase in Wednesday, Beach Grove; Thursday, but the costs are could be learned, and all other busi- with a fine of \$25 and the costs, to ficates, she had no difficulty in taking bids were from North Carolina firms, hoped to record a decided increase in Wednesday, Beach Grove; Thursday, but the costs are constant to the costs ar animal in a box and expects to even- ness establishments here will be open which judgment appeal was noted. up where he left off and continuing while 10 out-of-the-State contractors the game population of the county be- Piney Grove; Friday, Plymouth; Sat-

Louis Philip Hornthal, Sr., Dies TAKEN LIGHTLY At His Home Here Wednesday

Salvation Army Reports on Past Month's Relief Work GRACE CHURCH

The report of the Salvation Army for the month of January shows that a total of 53 families were supplied with food during the month, 139 garments were distributed, 29 pairs of shoes were donated to the needy, 1 family was furnished wood, books were sent to 5 people, medicine to 6 people, and milk supplied by the local dairy was distributed among 12 families. It was pointed out in the report that the number of families supplied with groceries includes families supplied more

Envoy and Mrs. Brewer, in charge of the post here, took occasion in their report to express their thanks to the people of Plymouth and Washington county for their cooperation and liberal donations to the work.

During the month the Army workers also held one cottage prayer meeting and made 34 visitations among the sick of the community. They are still receiving requests for aid, although it is not believed conditions are as bad as they were two months ago, when the Salavtion Army entered upon its work in the county.

merge Washington and Tyrrell, and GET READY FOR either of the counties, it is believed. FISHING SEASON prove an almost insurmountable obs- IN THIS SECTION

The Brookings Institution, in mak- Sound Fishermen Already At Work; Small Catches Reported So Far

time means of communication were really opened up along the Roanoke River yet, fishermen along Albemarle three dwellings and one small store at quently a matter of considerable dif- Sound are already making shipments the southern end of Madison Street, ficulty. Since then, and especially dur- of shad, herring, and jack, although just outside the city limits, providing ing the last few years, the road sys- the quantities caught so far are small, a spectacular event for several hun- tem has been greatly improved and the comparatively speaking. The season dred onlookers who gathered short- introduction of the use of the auto- does not really get in full blast on the ly after the blaze was discovered. All mobile has greatly facilitated move- sound until about the middle of of the buildings were occupied by co- ment. It must be evident from this that March, while it is usually about two lored people, and the furnishings of there no longer exists the same need or three weeks later than that on the

crowd, assisted by the city fire depart- many districts as are now represented Fish caught at this time are usually ment, which was unable to do any ef- by the 100 counties. That a very ma- boxed in ice and shipped to northern fective work in extinguishing the blaze terial economy in the expense of local markets, where they bring fancy prices because of lack of water, there being government could thus be effected by early in the season. Later on, the no hydrant nearer than three blocks. lessening the number of areas must be catches, consisting mostly of herring, are "pickled" and shipped in kegs. frame dwelling house owned and oc- Other recommendations made by the Shad usually brings a better return

before the alarm was sounded the the State constitution to make the It is understood that the Hampton house was a mass of flames, all of the board of county commissioners solely Fishery, located about two miles from furniture being consumed. Moore's responsible for the administration of here up Roanoke River, will begin young daughter and his wife's sister county affairs, and to provide that the seining about March 23. A few herwere sick in bed at the time, the latter register of deeds of each county shall ring and shad are being caught now in on the second floor. When she dis- be appointed by the board of commis- the river by drift nets in this section, covered the fire the stairway was sioners. In fact, it is suggested that all while on the creeks and farther up blazing and her escape cut off in that county boards and officials, except the river fishermen use skim nets. The direction. She was rescued by neigh- sheriff, be appointed by the commis- fishermen on the sound use pound bors, who placed a ladder against the sioners. The county accountant of nets for their catches. A large num-

Grace Church Plymouth N. C.

Every Friday afternoon at 3:30. St. Lukes Church Roper

Every Thursday Evening at 7:30.

More; Girls Lose One

The Roper Boys' team last week won two more games, defeating Farm nesday in a one-sided contest played here, 22-2 and downing the Bethel quint in a fast game at Robersonville Friday, 19-21. The local boys have Attorney Is Postponed out a loss, and have been invited to from Washington County citizens A. Sawyer, who was killed in an auto-might. The local girls had previously mobile accident two weeks ago, until

Now, What Chance Has a Mere Man?

We are "lifting" the following item from "Home and Club News." Miss Pratt Covington's column on the back page, because we feel it is worth a more prominent position in this paper to illustrate the variety of problems the home agent is called on to solve:

"Last Saturday a club member brought her husband into the home agent's office and said that they were having a little difference about getting a certain shade tree cut down in their yard. The wife wanted it cut, and the husband didn't. What was I to do? Well, Solomor may have been wise, but two women against one man will do just as well. The tree is being cut down this week."

'FLU' PREVALENT IS OF MILD TYPE

Many Cases Are Reported In County; Very Little Pneumonia

John W. Darden, who is charge of house and took her from a window. each county would be designated as ber of perch are being taken from stage of a serious epidemic, there are Florence Harllee, of Woodville, Berthe interests of the Crockett canning A small store, also owned by Moore, the clerk to the board of commister the creeks, hoop nets being used a large number of people in Washingorganization here at this time, received a shipment of tomato seed Monday a shipment of tomato seed Monday dwelling owned by Moore and occupies a dwelling owned by Moore and occupies a dwelling owned by Moore and occupies a large number of people in Washing are also five children living, as follows: Mrs. A. L. Booth, of Rocky MARY NURNEY

a shipment of tomato seed Monday and has been busy since delivering the complete the and has been busy since delivering the complete th seed to growers in the section who was the next to go, all of the con- recorded transfer of taxable property. business enterprises benefit when the health officer. Dr. Bray stated that liamston; Mrs. Z. G. Lyon, of Plyhave agreed to sign contracts. He tents of which were saved. There was Where county finances permit, the instances permit, the instances are large or prices good. For he had more patients right now from mouth; and Louis Philip Hornthal,

orders and severe vomiting.

crowds as much as possible as a pre- orate. Miss Nurney was born in Plymouth on October 18, 1850, and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. planting is not feasible in this section

PHEASANT EGGS ARE ASKED FOR

Several Settings for This County

County Game Warden Harry Stell now won eleven straight games with- was this week receiving applications While the boys were winning, the birds from which are to be released in ling a log cabin just back of the

The eggs are furnished without cost Edenton Postal Building birds after they attain a certain age. Mr. Stell said that the method of Home Agent Announces

FUNERAL IS HELD THURSDAY FROM

Prominent Local Business Man Succumbs After 10-Day Illness

Louis Philip Hornthal, 59, promi nent in the business life of this sec town councilman, and member of the Plymouth school board, died at his home on West Main Street here Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, after an extended illness from Bright's Disease Mr. Hornthal suffered from the malady for several years, although he was not confined to his bed until about 10 days ago. Since that time his condition had grown steadily worse, and his death Wednesday morning was not unexpected by members of the family and friends in the town

Mr. Hornthal lived practically all of his life in Plymouth, having been born here November 17, 1871, the son of the late L. H. and Martha W. Hornthal. After attending public school here, he studied at business schools in Baltimore and New York City, returning to Plymouth and entering the mercantile business with his father. He continued in this business until 1904, when the firm was dissolved, after which he conducted a sales stable here for a number of years.

It was in the peanut business where Mr. Hornthal was best known, however. In the capacity of buyer, first for the firm of Bosman & Lohman and during the last 10 or 12 years with the Planters Nut & Chocolate Co., Suffolk, he was known to practically every farmer in Eastern North Carolina engaged in the production of this crop. He had a wide reputation for fair-dealing and was generally recognized as one of the most efficient buvers in the industry.

In addition to commanding a prominent place in the business life of the section, Mr. Hornthal took an active interest in the upbuilding of the town and county. He served Plymouth as mayor and councilman, the graded chool district as a member of the board of trustees, and the township as justice of the peace. In all matters for the betterment of the community, he could be depended upon to lend his support and take a leading part.

Mr. Hornthal was married on Jan-Although it has not reached the uary 31, 1894, in Suffolk, Va., to Miss

The malady, however, is not of the day afternoon at 4 o'clock in Grace malignant type, and there are very Episcopal Church here, of which he few cases of pneumonia, which is was a member. The rites were con-Episcopal Churches most to be dreaded in connection with ducted by Rev. A. H. Marshall, rec-The regular schedule of Services influenza. There are three types of tor; assisted by Rev. Theodore Partthe disease, according to the physician rick, of Raleigh, a former rector of the the one prevalent in this section being local church. Interment was made in Every Wednesday evening at 8 o'- mostly of gastro-intestinal variety, the family plot in the church yard. which is accompanied by stomach dis- A large concourse of friends and

neighbors attended, and the floral of-Dr. Bray advises avoidance of ferings were very beautiful and elab-Hampton, and J. H. Smith. Honorary

pall-bearers included O. H. Lyon, Dr. W. E. Warren, J. G. Staton, Dr. D. T. Taylor, sr., J. G. Marshall, Clarence Latham, Z. V. Norman, Geo. W. Hardison, J. Walter Starr, J. W. Watts, D. O. Brinkley, R. A. Willi-Chowan and Perquimans, with Eden- Life School of Martin County Wed- Game Warden Hopes to Get ford, B. R. Barnbill, E. G. Carstarphen, M. W. Norman, Dr. Claudius McGowan, and Dr. J. E. Smithwick.

Boys To Build Log Cabin For Sunday School Class

Monday that they planned to start work on the cabin within a few days. by the State for propagation purposes The work will be done by the boys only, and those who receive the set-themselves and they are showing

Schedule for Next Week