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PAST MASTERS'

NIGHT AT LOCAL

MASONIC LODGE

Tuesday Night

and speculating of the future as broth-

er to brother," said Rev. W C. Ben-

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# MEET HERE TO DISCUSS SALE PEANUT CROP

#### Meeting Also Held At Murfreesboro Tuesday; May Picket Roads

Waht may be done for the orderly marketing of the lowly goober in an effort to boost prices is not known now, but it is sure that some drastic steps will be taken at the meeting of the peanut interests that was to have been in the courthouse here Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. December 1.

Peanut interests, from the lowly grower to the highly touted cleaner and sheller are expected to be here, as representatives gather from all sections of the country to discuss methods of pushing up a price that is down to about a cent a pound or less, which is a record low price.

Tom J. Swain was appointed by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce to act as chairman of the meeting and open it with Zeb Vance Norman making the speech of welcome to the people who are expected to attend. Then the meeting will be turned over to N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the East- Abolish Office of Solicitor ern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, who will present the purposes of the gathering.

The following report of the meeting held at Murfreesboro Tuesday shows the temper of peanut growers in this territory, and it would not be surprising if similar action were taken at the meeting held here Thursday:

Representing eight counties in North Carolina and four in Virginia, the 400 growers attending the meeting at Murfreesboro unanimously approved the so-called "Scotland Neck plan" and voted to begin picketing the highways leading to the markets, possibly Saturday, in order to carry it out.

Charles L. Shields, of Scotland Neck who sponsored the plan, was authorized to proceed with its organization. It provides for the appointment of a board of governors in each county of charged with creating an "information board" in each township.

tion would seek to prevent the sale of two-year term in office. any peanuts, except by written concounty board would designate he or- month, or a total of \$810 annually, for the exchange. would be taken to market.

#### **Picketing Regulations**

proved, any person hauling peanuts ary of \$1010. would be warned to desist.

The annual drive for funds to carry on the winter relief and charity work in Washington County will be launched next week. It is understood that much depends on the result of this drive as to what the state will do in supplementary aid -in other words, only the counties that are making every effort to care for their own suffering people can expect to share very largely in the state funds. Miss Mary Ward, state super-

ceived.

visor, was in the city on an inspection tour last week and expressed satisfaction with the progress being made here in the use of the state money already re-There are now considerably over

Drive for Relief Funds To

**Be Held Here Next Week** 

COUNTY BOARD **COMBINES TWO** ATTORNEY JOBS

Recorder's Court; Duties Given County Attorney

Abolition of the office of prosecutington County commissioners here in

the courthouse November 21. But in the place of the prosecuting and that a charter had been applied attorney has been substituted the coun- for. ty attorney, who will give legal ad- The application for charter was and its teachings and has poured into

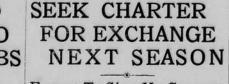
in recorder's court.

foreclosure suits in cases on unpaid growers to be held in Murfreesboro, can not live."

100 men employed daily through-Rev. W. C. Benson, of Elm out the county, and the school City, Principal Speaker lunches number 2,400 a month. Lunches are now being served three days every week at Cres-"Let us gather around the fireside well, Roper, and Plymouth schools with the shades pulled down and peer also at the colored high school in into the embers of the fire while the Roper. The Creswell lunch is in lights are low and take counsel with

charge of Miss Bachman: Roper in charge of Mrs. Bell; Mrs. W. A. Blount manages the colored school; and Mrs. Brewer serves the children here in Plymouth. The drive for funds will again be sponsored by the Plymouth

Swain, C. L. Groves, and H. A. Williford appointed as a committee to supervise the drive.



Expect To Sign Up Growers of About 300 Acres of Tomatoes

lic office filled by appointment, marked that is being sponsored by the Ply-

son, of Elm City, to 30 masons and their guests here Tuesday night. "There has been a collapse of mor- of Howard aBteman, 21, white, who als as well as of the economic struc- was arraigned in recorder's court here Chamber of Commerce, with T. J. ture. The church is at the lowest ebb Tuesday charged with taking Bessie in history. Fraternal organizations Chambers, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and service clubs are being accorded and Mrs. Charles T. Chambers, from but little interest. And family life is the home despite protests by the fath

# degenerating by degrees. No attend- er. ance at meetings. Little cooperation. The warrant, issued by J. T. McNair ternities, there are only the few who the protests of the father, stating that

Zeb Vance Norman had been chasen ests that have crept in from selfish as legal adviser of the organization gain.

> "The church that has made hearts child glad for centuries, through sacrifice

vice to the commissioners with the mailed to the secretary of state of individuals the drippings of spiritual added duties that he will fulfill the North Carolina Saturday, and it is life with the communion table and duties of county attorney and also expected that the legal document will baptism and faith in God and has represent the state in criminal actions be received here in a few days duly blessed young married people and burregistered. Then there will be a sign- ied the dead, yet people have left it.

Carl L. Bailey was employed as up campaign to secure about 300 acres Masonry has been proud of its efcounty attorney for the period between of tomatoes to be grown next season. ficiency. Men passed through its December 1, 1932, and December, 1934, Those signing the application for shrine by the thousands and gathered the peanut district, which will be at a salary of \$800 a year, which rep- the charter as incorporators were A. about the altar as brother to brother. resents the appointment for the term L. Alexander, H. C. Spruill, W. H. Some have sacrificed and died for its of office of the county commissioners, Gurkin, S. D. Davis, and J. B. Still- principles. Yet today grand lodges Under this proposal, the organiza-who on Monday will start another man. Added to this number will be must muster their choicest speaking chosen men, who will have the au- talent to attract the craft to attend

The salary of the prosecuting at- thority over their crop and who will meetings and be brought back to its any peanuts, except by written con-sent of the board of governors. Each torney for the last year was \$67.50 a be in a position to produce tomatoes temples. And yet, many have left masonry der in which he peanuts of its territory with Mr. Bailey getting another \$200 The secretary read two letters from "All institutions must be rebuilt.

for legal advice and assistance ren- N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the East- More interest must be reflected in the Latham, P. W. Brinkley, R. W. John- or 15 per cent. dered the commissioners as county ern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, home life. The church has to be re-Picketing Regulations Under picketing regulations ap-roved, any person hauling peanuts ary of \$1010. Under picketing regulations ap-attorney of \$200 making a total sal-in regard to the peanut meeting that is to be held in Plymouth December the heart if masonry is to do coming was alleged. Witnesses for the state was alleged. Witnesses for the state was alleged. Witnesses for the state the meanut meeting that the meanut meeting that the peanut meeting

proved, any person hauling peanuts without the authority of the organiza-tion, or persons selling at a price low-tion, or persons selling at a price lower that optical approved by the organi-fee that will be paid him for bringing attend a meeting Tuesday of peanut church, home and organizations, it In the case of John Mack Pettiford, term of 123, or 11 per cent.

### Levy of \$39,100 for 1931-32 **RECORDER HAD** COUNTY RATE UP SEVERAL CASES A total tax levy of \$1.87 on the HERE TUESDAY

\$100 valuation of property has been decided on for the next year ourselves reminescing of old times Is Last Session To Be Held by the Washington County Commissioners. This is an increase of 14 cents over the levy for 1931.

Town Budget Calls for Tax

Here is the division of the rate by funds: General 15 cents; poor, 5 cents; health, 8 cents; debt service. \$1.12; school 30.8 cents; total county-wide, \$1.70 8-10 ; with the state school tax added, which is 16.2 cents, making a total levy of \$1.87

ATTENDANCE AT "In all of the institutions of life, in- justice of the peace, further states that cluding the church, home and fra- he took the girl from her home over SCHOOLS BETTER have stood the test in the laboratory he (Bateman) was going to marry THAN LAST YEAR Total Enrollment in White

Schools 1,004; Increase Of 10 Per Cent bers, who was assessed the costs of

Statistics for the first month in en- surplus of \$890.82. In only one phase lication by James W. Norman, super- of about \$90. Luther Grimes, negro, 21, was found intendent of public instruction of

The percentage in elementary at-

not guilty by a jury of abandonment Washington County. and non-support of a wife and one Enrollment in elementary schools is

809 this term, as against 739 for 1931-Dempsey Spruill was required to re-32, while there were 176 in the high turn to the Somerset farm cotton that schools last term and 195 this term. he had taken away after having been The average daily attendance in the told not be remove it by Carl Hohl. elementary schools is 719.1 this term, A contempt charge was not pushed against 649.7 last term, while the high after he had failed to conform with school also shows an increase, 180 a pervious order of the court.

By Present Court

Officers

A nol pros was taken in the case

this year against 161.7 last. The case against R. W. Johnston who was charged with embezzlement, was continued until December 6. The tendance this term is 88.8, as comwarrant was sworn out by Edna Moore pared with 87.8 while in the high Latham before George W. Hardiosn, 91.5 last time. justice of the peace. The warrant was issued on October 14.

The warrant charges Mr. Johnston schools last term was 914, while this with embezzling a sum of money paid term it is 1,004, an increase of 90, which is 10 per cent. Total average to him by Edna Moore Latham and

The colored enrollment for 1931-32

tried a week before for violation

RATE WILL BE 10-CENT REDUCTION FROM LAST YEAR

Debt Service Calls for Most of Levy; \$10,000 for **Retiring Bonds** 

A budget calling for the raising of 39.100 for 1932-33 has been agreed pon by the Plymouth City Council with an accompanying tax rate of \$1.80, which is 10 cents less than the ate for last year.

An even \$1,900 was appropriated for he general and administrative fund, which includes the salaries of the mayand clerk, office supplies, telephone nd telegraph, insurance, vital statisics, advertising taxes, tax refunds, auliting and tax service, heat, water and ights, auto plates, building repairs, and miscellaneous.

Last year the total of this fund as appropriated was \$2,622.50, and the amount expended was \$1,731.68, with a

rollment, average daily attendance, was there a deficit and that was in and percentage in attendance of the the heat, water and lights, for which rural system for the first month have \$150 was allotted, but the actual exbeen compiled and released for pub- penditure was \$240.06, leaving a deficit

There was a surplus of \$148.50 in the street department last year, with an appropriation of \$2,900 that was followed by an actual expenditure of \$2,-587.60. A deficit in this department of \$218.25 from the labor fund was occasioned when \$2,218.25 had been spent and only \$2,000 assigned to use for the labor.

This department of the streets listed such expenses as labor with sewer maintenance and repairs, equipment maintenance and repairs, feed and stock expense, stable rent, and miscellaneous. There was a surplus of school there is 92.3 per cent against \$314.75 in the appropriations for miscellaneous in this fund.

The total enrollment in the white There was a deficit of \$39.50 in salaries above the allotment for those in the police department, with actual salto him by Edna Moore Latham and received by Mr. Johnston under a daily attendance was 812 last year, this department showed a surplus in this department showed a surplus in ary expense aggregating \$2,739.50. But trust indenture between Edna Moore against 899, which is an increase of 87, the miscellaneous, making a total surplus for police expenditures of \$148.50. In the fire department salaries showed a deficit of \$105.90, as this was increased last season when it was decided that the members of the department were to be allowed their poll taxes as remuneration for their serv

of experience. Many have seen the her, but they were not married and handwriting on the wall. Millions lived together improperly. are now looking for Governor Roose- The warrant for the arrest of Batevelt to make the times better as if one man was signed by Charlie T. Champerson could do it. "It is preposterous. Even though the court as the prosecuting witness A report was made Monday night the president of the United States has when Mr. Chambers refused to sponing attorney in recorder's court, which by A. L. Alexander of the steering more power than a czar, yet none of sor the prosecution. The girl was suphas been heretofore known as a pub- committee for the tomato exchange his legislation can stem the tide. The posed to have left her home on Nothe adjourned meeting of the Wash- much Chamber of Commerce that which has been demoralized by inter- eral days, it is thought.

center of civilization is in home life, vember 25 and she remained away sev-

which called upon the federal govern- tised soon.

# (Continued on the back page) SEEK TO FORM COUNTY UNIT

Meeting in Interest of Insti- to the taxpayers in uniting the countute of Government To Be Held December 5

Efforts to organize a Washington county pay-roll. As Mr. Bailey was Groves and T. J. Swain. County unit of the Institute of Gov- elected a member of the State Senernment are being made by Edward L. ate in the November election would CRESWELL BABY Owens, local attorney, at the request be incumbent upon him to resign from of Judge Junius G. Adams, M. V. the public office of prosecuting at-Barnhill, and W. A. Davin, and Prof. torney or fail to qualify for the sen-Albert L. Coates, of Chapel Hill. ate.

The membership of this organiza- The Senate seat will pay Mr. Bailey tion is open to public officers and pri- upwards of \$600 for two or three vate citizens of Washington County. months' work next year. Then he will This includes legislative, judicial, be given \$800 by Washington Counand also includes lawyers, bankers, make a revenue of upwards of \$1,600 closed Monday evening, November 21. result that there has been 100 per cent merchants, professional women and a year.

The Washington County board of the meeting of the commissioners that clared to be a success in every readvisors consists of the principal city, the office of judge of the recorder's spect. county, state, and Federal officials; an court be reduced from \$67.50 to \$50 Bettie Joanne Davenport received accrediate representative of private monthly. This takes effect in this the greatest number of votes in the groups; an appropriate number of in- month as soon as John W. Darden, group under 3 years of age. Bettie fluential citizens holding no public of newly elected presiding officer takes Swain gets honorable mention for be- the pastorate of the Plymouth, Dar- Atlantic Coast Line station. fice. The institute is non-partisan and the seat on the court bench. non-political. A chairman and an ex- It was also ordered that the salary

in the orgnization which include com- commissioners, and also county ac- runner-up in the same group. parative studies of the structure of countant, would be paid his same sal- A total of 3,362 votes were cast dur- Plymouth will get full time service government; setting forth the results ary of \$150 monthly "as long as his ing the contest. of these studies in guide books; con- services are satisfactory" as county ducting schools for newly elected gov- accountant. ernmental officers; publishing a journal; preparing civics and supplemen- Firestone Radio Program tary material for students.

Also an effort will be made to build a central governmental laboratory of poses; preparing study programs and Richard Crooks, leading baritone and with this concern when possible. The poses; preparing study programs and bulletins; training of a staff of men tenor of the Metropolitan Opera, will association also wishes to express its 58,389 Quarts Vegetables to furnish expert services that hereto- bring new music to the home in the thanks to all who helped to make the fore has not been available within "Voice of Firestone" series beginning contest a success. North Carolina.

If there are enough interested to 5, it was announced today by L. V. Home of Charlie Gurkin, see Mr. Owens about the matter in Landing, manager of the Sinclair Serv time, then there will be a public meet- ice Station, new dealer in Firestone ing for organization purposes on De- products in Plymouth. cember 5. At 7:45 the meetings will The Firestone orchestra, under the Dardens, was destroyed Wednesday vegetables and meats were reported open in each cooperating county; at direction of William Merrigan Daily by fire, and only a single piece of the canned through the clubs this year.

officers.

The meeting adopted a resolution taxes that are expected to be adver-

George W. Hardison, chairman of meeting from this county. the board of Washigton County com-Mr. Bailey would be a saving of \$210 consider operating.

ty attorney and prosecuting attorney.

On Air Monday, Dec. 5th

at 8:30 on the evening of December

and Clyde Smithson Are Winners Creswell .- The baby popularity con- those who attended.

ing runner-up in this group.

ecutive committee must be appointed. of George W. Hardison, chairman of the group from 3 to 6 years of age. North Carolina Conference of the There are eight aims and objectives the Board of Washington County Louise Snell Ambrose, of Cherry, was Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in

except on second Sunday mornings. A large tinted picture will be given H. H. Frizelle will replace J. Basto each of the winners by Baker's com Hurley on the charge down the Studio, of Washington. The Parent- county. A change was made to take Teacher Association is very grateful the Creswell church from the Columto this studio for the interest it has bia charge and put with Roper charge taken in the contest and hopes that and call the new charge Roper-Cres-

model offices for demonstration pur- radio program, Lawrence Tibbett and member the generosity by cooperating Smithfield.

Near Dardens, Is Burned club women of Washington County

The home of Charlie Gurkin, near A total of 58,389 quarts of fruits and

cluded in the nation-wide hook-up. were unavailing. the county.

The secretary was asked to issue These are some of the remarks made cards to a list to be present at the by Mr. Benson, who spoke to the ma-drawn and a nol pros with leave was sons and their guests in celebration of taken. But Pettiford was assigned to

A letter was read from the Hill the 121st anniversary of Perseverance the roads for 18 months for stealing missioners pointed out that by con- Veneer Company in High Point, in Lodge No. 54, which was established solidating the two offices into coun- which they stated that the local ve- here in 1811. It is the custom that on in another case. ty attorney that the salary of \$800 paid neer plant was too large for them to past masters' night the anniversary of

the lodge is celebrated.

H. A. Williford was appointed by Short talks were made in response Vice President E. F. Still to be the to recognition by W. L. Whitley, E. Others see in this move a politi- third member of a welfare committee L. Owens, Rev. R. H. Lucas, Mr. and

> and Walter H Paramore. Mr. and Labor Being Furnished By Mrs. Brewer also rendered some vocal and guitar music. Zeb Vance Norman was toastmaster.

Past masters honored were T. W.

Campbell, J. G. Dixon. C. T. Rob- once there were unsightly rubbish and day night. bins is the present master. Barbecue offensive weeds, there now is a beau- A passer-by notice that the body of

Federal, state, county, and town offic- ty as county attorney, and with the test, sponsored by the parent-teacher Master Robbins has inaugurated a ative plants being transplanted in an ther and he noticed that Mr. Spruill ials, no matter what their position, foreclosure suits at \$10 each this will association of Creswell High School, special attendance campaign with the artistic manner.

A great deal of interest was manifest increase in attendance. A special pro-

Dr. J. W. Harrell Returns To Methodist Church Here

dens, and Jamesville Methodist

Clyde Smithson, jr., was winner in churches for another year by the Barbecue Given At Cool session last week-end in Rocky Mount.

Blending their efforts in a better the people of the community will re- well. Mr. Hurley was assigned to

might be interested in knowing how joyed by every one.

have fought the depression this year. U. D. C. Meeting Will

the prohibition law, the jury was with- FIND MAN DEAD THURSDAY IN SKINNERSVILLE some meat from Pender's store here

> To Have Been Caused By Too Much Liquor

Skinnersville.-Death was due to an ecess in the drinking of intoxicating Welfare Funds To Clean whisky, it was believed by those making an investigation into the demise of Tom Spruill, white man of the

Snell, Z. V. Norman, T. C. Burgess, of the Plymouth Woman's Club is un- body was found in front of the store Bettie Joanne Davenport Harry Stell, J. B. Willoughby, B. G. dergoing a complete change. Where of Mr. Alexander in this section Thurs

> with the accessories were served to tiful little park, with evergreens, dog- the man failed to move for a time, wood, and many other lovely decor- and this prompted him to observe furwas not breathing. He notified Mr.

ervision of Mrs. Ben Sumner, and the home, leaving Mr. Spruill hanging a- retirement and \$20,000 for interest and

Mr. Spruill is said to have been Chief of Police P. W. Brown is also drinking excessively during all of doing a fine work building two new Thanksgiving Day. Sheriff J. K. city wharves and draining lowland Reid and Coroner W. T. Nurney were Little Son of Mr. and Dr. J. W. Harrell was returned to and cutting down the swamp at the notified, and they examined the body

of the man and could find no marks that would inicate foul play.

Acquaintances are said to have seen Springs Thursday Night Mr. Spruill, who was about 40 years day morning, November 18, and took old, hanging around the Log Cabin

Some time ago the home demon- Filling Station earlier. But he had stration club at Cool Springs had a been hanging around the Alexander chicken barbecue and asked all the store for several hours before it was men and children. All had a jolly discovered that he was dead. He was mother, father, grandparents, and a good time together.

the community returned the compli- left the store. ment by entertaining the women and Funeral services were held on Fri-

around a large camp fire built of logs To Give Percentage of Games were enjoyed until eating time.

Be Held Here Today conducting at the present.

hostesses.

ices in this capacity as well as the salary of Chief Gurkin. The total fund showed a surplus of \$10.34. The total expenditure for this fund,

which included salaries, building repairs, equipment repairs, interest on hose account, gas, oil, and supplies, Tom Spruill's Death Said miscellaneous, came to only \$360.44. There was also a saving of \$50 in the emergency fund, which showed an appropriation of \$200.

There was a total saving in the general and administrative, street, police and fire departments, and the emergency fund of \$1,412.06, with a total appropriations of \$8,993.28, and with The river front, under the direction Skinnersville sections, whose lifeless This year the total appropriations for these funds will be \$7,150.

Under the water department appropriations have been made for general and administrative of \$350, with operating and administrative funds allotted totaling \$1,600, making a total for the water department of \$1,950. The work is under the personal sup- Alexander, who had retired to his of \$30,000 will be \$10,000 for bond miscellaneous, which makes a total of \$39,100, including all of the funds in the budget.

# Mrs. C. L. Barnes Dies

Creswell.-Death visited the home their little son. He was eight months old. The child suffered severely for only a few days.

said to have last been seen conversing number of other friends and relatives.

#### Third Sewing Day Is Held by Cherry Club

Cherry .-- Last Friday the women of the Cherry Home Demonstration Club Net Sales To Charity held their third sewing day for relief work. These women have certainly

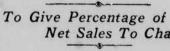
afterwards assembled around the camp ods was inaugurated in Plymouth this are unfortunate during Mr. "Depres-The citizens of Washington County fire and sang. It was thoroughly en-week when it became known that Leon sion's" raid. They have worked and Sugar had volunteered to give 2 per worked hard.

cent of the net sales to charity in the A total of 173 garments have been going-out-of-business sale that he is made, cut, or provided by these women. If all the communities could

The U. D. C. meeting will be held This makes the second advertising handle their relief sewing as these 8 an hour's broadcast of the plans of will again be a part of the program. household equipment was saved. The In spite of the dry weather, this is at the home of Mrs. J. B. Edmundson campaign that Mr. Sugar has conduct- women do, it would be well handled. the Institute of Government over the Alois Havrilla resumes his role as an- fire occurred about 10 o'clock in the more canned goods than has ever been Friday, December 2, with Mesdames ed in this sale. He is using circulars They feel now that as far as clothing State; at 9 the formal installation of nouncer. Canada Hawaii will be in- morning. Efforts to save the house reported canned in any one year in J. P. Sutton and C. McGowan as the

Something novel in business meth- stood by those in their community who

On last Thursday night the men of with a negro before Mr. Alexander



children at a splendid barbecue supper. day. The crowd assembled soon after dark in the yard of Herbert Bateman.

And Fruits Are Canned then all did their best by this, and

men and others in all walks of life. It was also moved and passed in in the voting. The contest was de- gram is rendered each Tuesday night. labor is furnished through the state round outside of the store.

RIVER FRONT

HERE IMPROVED

Up Property

aid for the unemployed.

