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OF EVENTS PRIOR

Morris Whedbee Again in Limelight at Hearing Here Tuesday

Three accused men submitted their the medicine was not learned. evidence in opposition to that of Morris Whedbee in a hearing held here 971 FAMILIES IN in the courthouse Tuesday by Commissioner J. Tom McNair, to disprove statements that Whedbee had made in a deposition that he had "gotten some whisky from them" on the day of the forest fire south of Houtz Total Expenditures in Feb-Mill on the Roper Highway in 1930.

These men named all live in the Skinnersville section and are well known. Whedbee alleged that he secured the intoxicants from Leon Spruill, Harold and Jimmy Patrick on the morning that Whedbee swore that he sold it to the employees of the Virginia Electric and Power Co., which organization is being sued for damages done by the fire.

Whedbee further alleged that he drank some whisky with the three acand came back toward Plymouth and sold the whisky to the power firm's employees and saw them start the fire that brought about the suit.

The boy made his deposition here could remember that he ate "hog liver, ing to \$10 was contributed. sausage, biscuits, and eggs" on the date mentioned about two years ago. He alleged that all this took place at the home of Jimmy Spruill.

Between pages 16 and 18 of the deposition made by Morris Whedbee tified that no more orders for flour to the county from the State and the and Roy Davenport on November 2, will be filled and also the cash is be- officials will have this much to use showed that there had been consider-1932, was this significant paragraph ing cut down. that caused Tuesday's deposition: "Well, I had been down to Pea Ridge friends drinking some whisky, drink-

went into the woods to see the men employed by the Virginia Electric and through the summer. Power Company, who were constructing a power line and that they started a fire, neglecting it, so that it burned thousands of acres of wood land. In an affidavit signed after the trial by Whedbee in Z. V. Norman's Gurkin Is Reelected Chief; CHECK IS JUST office the boy testified that this evidence was false on the stand and then in a deposition in November the boy repudiated the affidavit stating that his court testimony was true.

were apparently brought into the case bers in session as follows: in an effort to prove that Whedbee L. W. Gurkin, chief; J. F. Aushad secured whisky from them to sell bon, first assistant chief; R. E. Tar-came into the Branch Banking & to the power firm employees on his kington, second assistant chief; J. B. Trust Company here this week. way back to Plymouth. The accused McNair, hose captain; Roscoe Gaytrio denied that the boy had ever been lord, assistant hose captain; Frank Peter Brewer by B. W. King on Febto their homes and especially on the Spruill, secretary; Miller Warren, cus-

the testimony of the Whedbee boy L. D. Jones, first assistant engineer; house accounts from Brooklyn. in the deposition by Mr. Lancaster, Paymond Peel, second assistant; Nothing is remembered here of with the proceeds and the conduct of of the Virginia Electric and Power Dick Hardison, third assistant; Car-Company, who took with him on the lyle Doughtie, fourth assistant; Har- used to live around this place by the occasion W. W. Ange, presumably as a witness. Edward L. Owens, an at- Jackson, chief marshall; Joe Tucker North, and it is thought that they torney for the plaintiffs against the Tetterton, assistant marshall. power firm, also visited the men about The fire department now has 25 some other northern man, who re-

his testimony in the case against the mission as soon as a membership va- The check was returned not paid, Virginia Electric and Power Com- cancy should occur. They keep the of course, as the Bank of Plymouth The right leg of Joe Ange was Special music will be a feature and pany made in open superior court the maximum allowed by the charter at has long since been defunct and the crushed Saturday when a truck in the every one is invited to attend. plaintiffs had been awarded a judg- all times, and there is always a num- local unit of the Branch Banking & rear of which he was riding ran close ment of \$60,000 against the power firm ber on the waiting list should one drop Trust Company made a notation that to a mule and cart, wedging the inand then affidavits were taken from out. the jurors in the case after the appeal to the supreme court that they based Mr. and Mrs. Lieberson their decision on the testimony jof Whedbee and that if he repudiated it then would have rendered a different

he had been bribed to sign the affidavit Gershon Lieberson, of Los Angeles, repudiating his first testimony in open Calif., who announced that they and court, and after doing this he gave the their triplet daughters were well, thus deposition purpoting to be the truth, relieving their parents of the anxiety the office of the Beacon this week which in fact is hard to determine in suffered over their safety. the face of the many tales he has been telling about the matter.

Announce Services For

copal church in Plymouth and St. lives with many injured. Luke's Episcopal church in Roper were announced today by the Rev. Few People in County Sidney E. Matthews, rector of the two churches, who now resides in Wash-

mouth church as follows: Second Sun- ices of the Regional Agricultural Cred day morning at 11 o'clock and the it Corporation in Raleigh. Only a third Sunday evening at 7:30; and at few in this county can furnish the one strong stalk. All others that come Roper on every third Sunday morning proper collateral to obtain these loans. up from the root should be removed.

Additional services will be need at crop will be operated some the mutual exchange there recently. each of the churches at 7:50 in the crop that sall seeded pole butter bean, Ken- what like a local unit of the parent- lincluded were those for a car of evening during Lent as follows: Rop- last three decades, according to John shallow. A heavy straw mulch can Lyon on Tuesday afternoon, March small seeded pole butter bean, Ken- what like a local unit of the parent- lincluded were those for a car of evening during Lent as ionows. Rope last titled steader association, but will not be poultry, four cars of sweet potatoes er every Tuesday evening and Ply P. Stedman, who is in charge of the be used in place of the shallow cultimouth every Wednesday evening.

TELLS NEW TALE Doctor's Medicine Case Robbea Last Saturday

Thieves entered the car of Dr. T. L TO FOREST FIRE Bray Saturday night and opened his medicine case and made away with some of the medicines that he carried Will Be Decided At Meet of with him. Also a towel was missing. No trace of the thieves has been found. His car was parked in his garage on Main Street. The value of

COUNTY AIDED IN PAST MONTH

ruary Over \$5,000, Report Shows

of some kind at a cost of \$1,448.76 greement too late to be inserted in from the relief agency in Washington this issue of the Beacon. County that is operated by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer, welfare workers, of instructors including teachers, prinduring the month of February.

ment for \$3,812.45, making a total cost uing the schools for the extended of \$5,261.21. This money was secured term if the officials would make an effrom different sources. From the Fed fort to keep them supplied with cused men and that they had an early eral government cash was received a enough cash to pay their eimmediate lunch at about 11 o'clock that day mounting to \$3,923.85. The city of expenses and to offer to pay them the Plymouth provided lumber and mater-remainder of their salaries in the fuials costing \$250, while the Washing-ture. ton County commissioners in their

on November 2, 1932, before Commister of the American Red Cross sumterm. Part of this will be secured sioner McNair and even stated that he med up as \$751.25. Produce amount- from the State tax reduction fund that

> Roper, Creswell, and Cherry. There from local collections. were 280 children to be fed three times a week. Mrs. Brewer has been noterm will see about \$2,000 come back to be red three times as the eight month of the large term will see about \$2,000 come back to be red three times as the report of on the revenue machinery bill, yet to Siler, and Gertrude M. Upchurch.

next allotment in cash will be \$1,000 loyal teachers half of their salaries for ing committee submitted the followthan it was in March. No more flour work these extra two months any but that wasn't told in the other trial." The "other trial" refers to the time ers again urged that every one get The Beacon will go to press Thursin the June term of court in 1932 that work and endeavor to get more self- day before the school officials con-Whedbee testified in court that he supporting, for they can not look to clude their meeting or probably bethe welfare work to continue to last fore they have reached an agreement.

ELECT OFFICERS

Department Now Has 25 Members

partment for the ensuing term were Thus the three Skinnersville men elected Monday night by the mem-

todian of the physical equipment.

Prior to Whedbee's repudiation of with three on the waiting list for ad- way.

And Family Are Safe

verdict had they known the true facts. by George W. Hardison, chairman of er piece of paper pasted over it. The boy even went so far as to the Washington County Commissionstate in the November deposition that ers, from his children, Mr. and Mrs. Receive Many Answers

Angeles, where the earthquake oc- "Under the Beacon Light." County Episcopalians curred last week which resulted in Church services in the Grace Epis- erty and also the loss of 130 or more ed: G. L. Davenport, Mackeys; A. M.

Get Regional Loans others.

Services will be held in the Ply- County are beginning to use the serv-

Additional services will be held at crop will be at the lowest cost of any until the plants begin to bloom, after Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church globe turnip, stringless green pod bring the home and the school closer ceived checks for produce handled by Raleigh corporation.

PLAN OPERATION COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR FULL TERM

County Board Here Thursday

Public schools in the rural system of Washington County will more than likely run the full eight months this year contrary to first reports that have reached the Beacon from authorative

The members of the county board of education were to go into session Thursday to determine their actions on the matter which they at first left up to the proceedings of the Legislature, and now it looks that they will run the full term although the school A total of 971 families received aid officials are expected to reach an a-

It has been learned that the staff cipals and other school employes have There were 417 men given employ- expressed their intention of contin-

It is a fact that the rural system poor fund and county home raised will have about \$4,000 available for \$292.61. Cash from friends was \$33.50. paving the expenses of the teachers Clothing and flour by the local chap for the first month of the extended supplies some money to aid the coun-A total of 3,360 children were fed ties in the extended term and then in the school lunches in Plymouth, the county will have the other part

Then again the eight month of the even if the county has no collections able activity in the grades for the past A notice has been received that the at all. The county still owes its month. The chairman of the nominat-

And these facts will be considered, and it is known that the officials will do the right thing. So it is not doubt-

20 YEARS LATE

Officers for the Plymouth Fire De- Dated February 1, 1913, Is Presented for Payment Here This Week

A little over 20 years late a check

of Plymouth for \$75. It came through ing counties. The three accused were advised of J. B. Willoughby, chief engineer; the usual channels of the clearing

issued this check to a Brooklyn or received. active volunteer firemen as members, tained the check or it was lost some Has Leg Crushed

Solving Egg Problem Cool Springs.

with the correct solution of the egg Mr. and Mrs. Lieberson are well problem. This shows to what extent known here, having spent the sum- the people read the Beacon and also tables to plant, when to plant, and Corps have been received. During the to care for their customers. mer here last year. They live in Los reveals the popularity of the column, the amount to plant for a home gar-

One or two people in Washington Deep Cultivation Needed To Insure Best Dahlias

In thinning out dahlias, leave only Mission Study Class The cost of production of this year's All beds should have deep cultivation vation after blooming.

DEPRESSION CURE

Depression cure of "Farmer Jim" Ferguson, husband of "Ma," the Texas Governor:

"Put your trust in God, your Ford in the garage, and your wife to work."

And as for things in general, "Pa" told a farmers' convention at Dallas:

"Take the oil business. They've got a trust. Take the lawyers. They've got a trust. You farmers have to organize a trust-bind yourselves together with hoops of steel because we are ruined if we don't do it. I want you to get this. If the farmers do not organize like everybody else, then this country is going to hell in a handbag."

"We sit idly by and pass resolutions and feebly protest against the inefficiency of marketing facilities and the result of it is we are in a business that is the greatest failure of all vocations of man. It ought to be the most profitable and the most honorable.'

TEACHERS AND PARENTS MEET

Roper Association Elects Officers at Session Last Friday Night

on Friday night, March 3. Dr. Gibson the delinquent of the publicity. conducted the devotional. The presithe chairman of the grade mothers be taken.

President, Mrs. Leon Brey; first vice president, Mrs. Clinton Tarken-Mrs. J. J. Burdine; treasurer, Mrs. Hattie Belle.

ent at the next regular meeting. After a short program every one tinue.

enjoyed a period of recreation led by Miss Patterson.

Successful Dance Is

Over 200 attended the dance here three decades. last Friday night, with 75 couples danc The check was issued in favor of ing at one time. They came from as

Lloyd Owens and P. M. Arps, who promoted the affair, were well pleased

Fred Rogers and his 10-piece or-

no such bank or account was known. jured member between the two ve- Announce Vacancies The check itself was not worn to hicles. Lloyd Waters was driving the any great extent except that a hole truck in which Mr. Ange was riding. came in the crease that was made in His feet and legs were dangling

Replies from all sections rolled into Vegetable Information In Free State Bulletin

Information as to the kind of vegeden is contained in Extension Circu-Notice the names and sections from lar No. 122, "The Farm and Home millions of dollars in damage to prop- which some of the replies were receiv- Garden Manual," and copies will be mailed free as long as the supply per-Allen, Roper; Francis L. Everett, mits. The Governor's Relief Office of Skinnersville; Buster Askew, Long has also prepared a leaflet giving this Acre; Harry Lyon, Plymouth, and information in simplified form and copies of this leaflet may be secured

To Meet Tuesday

urged to be present.

REVALUATION OF Six Die From Pellagra PROPERTY THIS YEAR IS FAVORED

Has Passed the Second Reading in House

A bill calling for the revaluation of property in the State is being considered by the General Assembly, and LOWER COURT was passed by a big majority in the house last week, it is understood. The bill will probably come up for its final reading in that body this week.

Property list-takers are scheduled to Monday and start the task on the first Monday in April, or as soon thereafter as is possible. Property will be list-

delinquent will have 28 months-pre- thus discharged the defendant. Roper.—The Roper Parent-Teacher is docketed—in which to pay taxes, the

REVIVAL TO BE

Rev. A. H. Butler, of Falcon, The sentence was imposed by Judge the building also To Be in Charge; Begin Meeting Sunday

The seventh and the eleventh grades will be held in Thompson Hall in received the pictures for having the Roper by the Rev. A. H. Butler, of ed but that the schools will run for greatest percentage present. The as- Falcon, beginning March 19, it was sociation decided to give the pictures announced today by Miss Ella Mae SCHOOL LOSES permanently to the grades having the Jones, secretary of the Pentecostal greatest percentage of parents pres- Holiness church. It is not known just how long the meeting will con-

> The visiting minister is a pulpit orator of repute, who has been in the ministry for many years. More than 30 years ago he was in the Methodist church and has been instrumental in Held Here Last Friday establishing churches in the Pentecostal Holiness denomination for the last

> > Mr. Butler has served the Holiness be held in Marion this year.

The preacher is famous for his the largest interdenominational churches in America as well as held some of the largest pastoral charges In Unusual Accident son or daughter accompanies him to each to lead Plymouth at the bat. aid in the singing and music.

folding the paper, and then on the down the side of the body of the truck between the ages of 18 and 30, who Have Hardware Store Here S. R. Davenport. A telegram was received Saturday back the whole was covered by anoth- and they were on the cart before Mr. are at least 68 inches in height and Ange could draw up his legs. It is have complete high school who desire Another hardware store is assured stitution for eight weeks and it apnot known how serious the injury is. service in the Marine Corps are in- for Plymouth. It happened on the highway near vited to write Major E. M. Reno, of- An announcement was made today hospital for the next three months. vannah, Ga.

This is the first time since last fall business. The location is not known that the acceptance of applications for as yet. They will carry an entire stock Clean Brooder Every Day original enlistments in the Marine of hardware and will be in a position lull in recruiting a number of vacancies The opening date has not been dein the corps have occurred.

Welfare Workers Have Received Garden Seed

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer, welfare workers, have received a number of by addressing that office at Raleigh, packages of garden seed from the for free distribution. The seeds are was organized by a group of 40 peo- to clean soil. different species of seed follow:

[white peas.

In Past Four Years

Six people have died from pellagra n Washington County in the last four years. Three of them died in 1930 while the others were I each for the Bill Calling for Revaluation while the others were 1 each for the years of 1929, 1931, and 1932. This information is reliable, having been secured from the bulletin issued by the North Carolina State Health

IS REVERSED IN PATRICK CASE

meet and discuss the listing work next Evidence Against Seaton J. Norman. Patrick Considered Insufficient

The legislature last week passed a in the lower court was made by the tribute for this purpose. The buildbill abolishing the sheriff's tax sales North Carolina Supreme Court in lib- ing would be at the rear of the church ordinarily advertised in May and sold erating Seaton Patrick from a term fronting on Madison Street while the the first Monday in June. Just how of three years in prison for seduction church itself faces on Third Street. the new law is intended to operate in an opinion last Wednesday as At- The building is to be 40 by 20 feet. is not known here. It is understood, torney W. L. Whitley snatched vic- if the plans of the sponsors work out, however, that the taxes will remain a tory from a case that looked like it and already a blue-print and sketch

interest will be charged on the unpaid The august body held that there was local architect, who has drawn plans taxes on and after June 1. This ap- "not sufficient evidence to go to the for school buildings in this county plies to 1932 taxes unpaid on that jury to make out a crime of seduction and for other and larger buildings date. On January 1 next judgments and that the lower court was in error elsewhere. A son of Mr. Burgess, against all tax delinquents on that in refusing to sustain motion of the Walter, has drawn a picture of the date will be docketed. The cost of defendant for a verdict of not guilty proposed building. the proceeding is limited to \$6. The at the conclusion of the evidence" and One of the two rooms that is to be

sition to some of the best legal tal- 20. Eight windows, more or less, will Association held its regular meeting \$6 cost and interest. That relieves ent in the State, with H. S. Ward and flood the rooms with light. It will Solicitor Don Gilliam prosecuting in be heated from the furnace of the Whether the penalties for delayed the lower court, while Mr. Whitley church with a direct pipe running thru dent then called for a report from the payments, much protested, and the disvarious committees. The chairman of counts for advance payments will be handed before the supreme court a- may be to the building and a firethe membership committee reported continued will be determined by action gainst Dennis G. Brummit, Walter D. place will be included.

appealed from a sentence of from two ing, with a folding partition between to three years in prison when a jury the two rooms so that on occasions found him guilty of seducing Miss it can be opened into a large room HELD IN ROPER Mary Swain, daughter of Mr. and for any gathering or anair that the Mrs. J. L. Swain, of the Skinnersville church may desire to have in it, as

Roper.—A series of revival services ed in open court. The appearance the welfare work of the county that while the appeal bond was \$50.

ITS FIRST GAME

Scotland Neck Wins Here Tuesday Afternoon By 9 To 7 Count

Despite the valiant efforts of Tom pleted in a short time after the actual Norman and his mates the Plymouth work is begun. here Tuesday afternoon, 9 to 7.

member of the executive board of the visitors had run up a three-run lead comes convenient, for the erection of General Pentecostal Holiness Con- in that stanza. He retired the side. a new parsonage and for the use of ference, which meets in convention the inning and unloaded the bases with annex when it is needed. a double that tied the score again. The log cabin movement has been

unique method of delivery of his mes and darkness prevented the local boys time, as he wishes to have a meeting sages, and has preached in some of Chall from doing their best. Shortstop place for the boys in his class and also that his church afforded. Usually his out a couple of singles and a double draw attention of each others' pupils.

W. Moore held the locals to 11 safe- Hoyt B. Davenport In ties while Norman yielded 3 in 2 2-3 innings and Mizelle was nipped for 7. Getsinger stole three bases. Norman Mayo, miniature right fielder, got one jured in an automobile and train crash hit out of three trials. B. Gurganus here some time ago, is in the Duke

Young men in Washington County Davenport and Blount Will toes, according to his mother, Mrs.

termined, but it is thought by Mr. raised in a brooder, the area under Blount that arrangements can be made the canopy should be thoroughly

Mrs. T. L. Bray Heads

treated and are unfit for food. The pie in a mass meeting at the court-Jersey Wakefield cabbage, trucker's kington, a member of the Plymouth Earned at Mutual Exchange favorite seed corn, early wonder beet, school faculty, was elected secretary. Mission study class of the Woman's long orange carrot, purple top white The purpose of the association is to called by that name.

SUNDAY SCHOOL **CLASS MAY BUILD** CABIN OF LOGS

Plan Now Under Consideration at Methodist Church Here

Construction of a log hut to be used as a Sunday School room and for general club purposes for boys on a lot at the rear of the local Methodist church is being considered by T. C. Burgess, teacher of the boys' class, in ooperation with a committee from Zeb Vance Norman's class, composed of J. F. Ausbon, L. D. Jones, and C.

The cabin would be built of logs that can be secured from the farm near here of H. W. Latham and oth-A complete reversal of the verdict ers, who would be so good as to con-

charge on the property and 6 per cent was "in the bag" for the opposition. have been made by Gordon Norman, a

included in the building is to be 18 sumably from the time the judgment Mr. Whitley won his case in oppo- by 20, while the other is to be 22 by

Two spacious doors will be on the Mr. Patrick, through his attorney, front to allow entrance into the buildsuppers will probably be served in

Frank Daniels, who was presiding at The sponsors are of the opinion that the time of the trial. The notice of with the material that people will conappeal from the lower court was waiv- tribute and with labor furnished by bond of Patrick was set at \$2,500 the building can be erected at a cash cost of less than \$100, which will be used for purchasing equipment that can not be secured from the lumber

and materials furnished. The committees and Mr. Burgess will confer in a short time so that the plans for beginning the actual work can be arranged in time to use some of the welfare labor that now can be secured. And it is thought by Mr Burgess that the building can be com-

High School baseball team lost its | The site for the building at the rear first tilt this season to Scotland Neck of the church was decided upon in place of the space beside the church church as superintendent of the North lie Mizelle in the seventh after the be used in the future, if it ever be-Norman took the mound from Char- fronting on Third Street, as that will Then he came to bat in his part of the church in building a Sunday school

> The visitors were hitting the ball, in the heart of Mr. Burgess for some Clark, for the visitors, blocked a rally the classes in the main auditorium of by snagging a freak hit ball. Eddie the church are so congested that the Getsinger and Joe Gurganus smashed teachers in other classes sometimes

Hospital At Durham

Hoyt B. Davenport, who was in-In Corps of Marines and Norman annexed a couple apiece. Hospital in Durham in a plaster of paris cast from his shoulders to his

Mr. Davenport has been in the inpears now that he will remain in the ficer in charge, Marine Corps Recruit- by E. S. Blount and A. E. Davenport His mother desires that he receive the ing Station, post office building, Sa- that they hope to shortly have a hard- Roanoke Beacon so that it will make ware store opened in Plymouth for a weekly visit to him in his affliction,

To Protect Baby Chicks

To protect chicks that are being for the opening by the first part of cleaned every day and the litter replaced with clean material, Beginning the first of the second week, the entire house should be cleaned and this Parents' Association operation repeated every five days. If the ground has been used within Mrs. T. L. Bray was elected chair- the past two years as a poultry run Governor's office of relief at Raleigh man of the parents association which the brooder house should be moved

house last week. Miss Nellie Tar- Pitt Farmers Share Income

Over 300 Pitt County farmers reand produce sold at the market house.