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tion Of The Elementary

Department This Term

Efforts will be made to raise \$20 to your enrollment.

day evening.

chool premises.

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Advertisers will find Beacon

and News columns a latch-key to

1,100 Washington County homes.

TWO WIVES CLAIM Offer Reward for Violators of ROPER PARENT- STATE GARDEN BODY WAITER ON Tobacco Warehousemen Code IS VERY ACTIVE ILL-FATED BOAT

White Woman Claims Body Of Negro Waiter on Morro Castle

Deception on the part of Samuel Louis Pettiford, colored, formerly of Plymouth, but more recently of Portsmouth, has not fazed the trust and loyalty of his white wife.

Pettiford was a waiter aboard the ill-fated Ward liner, Morro Castle, which burned off the New Jersey coast recently. He lost his life in heroic efforts to save other passengers. His death came as a blow to hi wife and then to a Negro woman claimed his body as that of her hus band in a New Jersey morgue.

ROPER BAPTISTS PLANBOOK WEEK "I don't believe Sam was married to another woman. He loved me too well to deceive me," said his white had deceived her because h was a mulatto Negro from North Carolina rather than a dark-skinned man from Cuba.

His white wife in Portsmouth, Grace Louis Pettiford, was astonished when Roberta Pettiford, a negress of West Water Street, Plymouth, went to Norfolk to attend the funeral on September 12. Roberta Pettiford was the man's grandmother. for a week.

Records of the Morro Castle show-Pettiford's body as that of her husetteville. band.

married to the Moor Castle waiter took the lad in his early boyhood. He dent body. The second wife gave a non-existent was what one would call "a hard books have been added during the past address in the Bronx, New York City. student." He is widely acclaimed as few years, and the library is, at pres-Wiley Batts, a relative of Pettiford, a pulpit orator and his connections in ent, rather deficient in reading materknew the "second wife" but claimed this county will result in a good atthat a quarrel had resulted between tendance upon the revival. the couple and that Pettiford had Ed Norman is a brother to Zeb book weeks have been exceedingly pop L. L. Mizelle, Mrs. John Chesson, quit her after having been cut or Vance, James W., Cicero Jo., Joe S. ular, as many as 1,000 volumes being Mrs. Lindley Windley; program, Mrs. wounded and that they had not mar-ried, but that he was married to the outh. white woman.

The white woman was born in Brooklyn and was married to Pettiford in the New York City Hall in April, 1933. In a public statement the FOR COLLECTION sify every book, and, in some cases, Davenport and a trio by Lyndelle white woman professed that "he gave OF FARM LOANS me all his money during the 17 months we were married; he gave me enough happiness to fill my whole life; I was Total of 11,380 Farmers In surprised to learn he was married, but I think I would have married him

any way." It is a rule on the Ward Line that to Negroes were to be employed or

A reward of \$250 for proof that "A warehouseman who hires any tobacco warehouseman has, ditruckers or solicitors is violating rectly or indirectly, paid any truckthe warehouse code, which is the law governing his industry. He is er to haul tobacco to his warehouse has been offered at the didoing his part to tear down and rection of J. C. Lanier, code addestroy the program that has ministrator for the tobacco marbrought prosperty to the tobacco keting industry. Evidence offered growers; he is opposing the efforts must be suffcient to convict, it was of our President to bring about a explained. permanent improvement in the to-In announcing the standing re-

to the informant.

bacco industry. ward, Mr. Lanier said: "A truck "Tobacco growers should not patronize warehouses which seek to driver has committed no offense violate the code. All violations by accepting compensation from a warehousemen. The information should be reported by growers may be furnished without jeopardy who are in sympathy with present program."

BEGIN REVIVAL AT SCHOOL HERE wife to newspapermen. But the Negro Rev. Aubrey Tomlinson To Hope To Increase Number Of Library Books Week Occupy Pulpit Starting Sunday Morning

Beginning October 8 Roper.-Back home to boyhood ac-Roper.—Back home to boyhood ac-quaintances will come Rev. Aubrey the week beginning October 8 book with 36 new ones making a total of at Plymouth a card at once. Then you Thomas O'Berry, State Relief Ad-for the demonstration and discussion Tomlinson, pastor of a Baptist church week at the local high school. All 71 to date. in Elizabeth City, who will be the students will be asked to participate A hundred song books have been which you will keep during the entire ago. speaker in a series of revival services in a campaign designed to increase the purchased for the school by the P.-T. six months of the campaign.

woman as his wife and that she had Ed Normon, now of Fayetteville, but ute. Any good fictional or reference pal I. J. Kellum at the meeting.

Then to the morgue came Genrietta family moved to Norfolk, later re- propertly attributed to the donor. It organization this year, and should once. Weeks Pettiford, of Harlem, to claim turning to this state to locate in Fay- is thought that by these means the make a good one as for years she was The young man was related to Mrs. State requirements and thereby meet Associated with her in the offices are ALL-DAY SERVICE from the relief rolls not later than sects and diseases of vegetables.

Hooker, treasurer.

In other sections of the state, the Mrs. Louis Skyles; membership, Mrs.

Cyril Walker, Mrs. Frank Wilson, After the book week, Miss Doug- Mrs. James Leary. las, of the state library department, Included in the program last meetplans to visit the library here, at which ing were talks by James W. Norman,

Clothing Leaders' School At Home Agent's Office

meeting and she asked that any one Miss Willie N. Hunter, state clothwho knew of any program possibili-

\$2,800,000.00 Raleigh.—Secretaries of the 31 pro-uction credit associations in North increding from which 11 380 farmers duction credit associations in North stration agent's office Friday after-Child. Bethel: Rev. J. W. Berry, of Green- ployment where they may continue in Thomas Davis Attending The Mars Hill College cluding the ministers of Williamston trained, or work which they have been tangible evidence. The culprits knew

O. D. Hatfield Not in Car Wreck As Reported TEACHER GROUP CONTEST GETS Below are excerpts from a letter to **UNDER WAY 1ST** the Beacon by O. D. Hatfield, mer-

chant of Creswell, which draws attention to a news item from Creswell last Largest Group in History of Will Work for Standardiza- Home Agent Urges Farm week relative to an automobile Gardens in This County

County Discontinued

This Week

wreck. Be Entered "I was not in any wreck in Virginia

or anywhere else. My family was," Roper .- Paramount among the ob- By Eugenia Patterson, Home Agent This is all the information Mr. Hatjectives of the local school for this In order to give every farm home field gave about the matter. The item take vocational agriculture in the Cresterm is that of standardizing the ele- in Washington County an opportunity last week was secured from the usual well High School enrolled this sesmentary department and the Parent- to enroll in a state-wide garden con- news sources of the Beacon, which sion, when 50 students matriculated Teacher Association will make this its test that is being put on by the state heretofore have been reliable. goal for the coming year, it was de- extension department in cooperation

cided in a meeting held here last Fri- with the Cilean Nnitrate Company, I CURTAIL RELIEF am taking this method of asking for ACTIVITIES IN be used in securing \$60 worth of The purpose of the contest is to en-RURAL SECTIONS

beautiful paintings for the school, courage more and better farm home There will be 40 scenes in the lot. Al- gardens. The contest is to be sponto an effort will be made to stimulate sored by the county council of home the appreciation of music. A tennis demonstration clubs of Washington All Work Projects in This three or four grades. court is being constructed on the County, and each local garden leader is presenting these plans to her local A prize will be awarded the grade club, but for the people who aren't

that secures the largest membership club members, I am offering you this percentage before the next meeting chance for enrolling.

the third Sunday in October. There tober 1st, and run through March 31 crops all work projects under the C. H. Rabon advisor. were 52 members last year. Thirty- 1935. If you wish to enroll in the NCERA in rural sections of the State Mr. Rabon has held 9 of the 11 Plans are now under way to make five of these have joined this year contest, please write the home agent will be discontinued immediately, Mrs. meetings that he is supposed to hold

will be furnished with record sheets, ministrator, announced a day or two sions of gardens. This brought the

in any books from his home and other thought that he will start an orchestra \$2.50. The best state garden is \$20, employers during the past several The tenth meeting will be held in

minimum Present That Day

Delegations from surrounding areas and removing laborers from re- continue the work of the class organitowns are expected to flow into Wil- lief rolls in order that farmers and zation of young farmers this year. liamston next Sunday, September 30, others offering private employment

for an all-day meeting under the evan- may be assured adequate help during gelistic tent of Rev. W. H. Turner the harvesting season." time she will properly label and clas- Principal I. J. Kellum, Mrs. Edison and party on North Haughton Street. Work projects to be excepted are Members and friends of Pentecostal those dealing with the handling of Holiness churches in Kinston, Green- the 100,000 cattle brought into the

Chesson. Mrs. Cyril Walker announced that Scotland Neck, Roper, Robesonrville, of the Mid-West and the canning the second and third grades would Roanoke Rapids, and some from projects. provide the program for the next towns without Holiness churches are Mrs. O'Berry said the discontinu-

expected to come at the special invi- ance of work projects and the removal !

rolls.'

WANTS TO BUY

Estimate Amount For

Sale in County

IN AGRICULTURE TO TAKE COURSE FIFTY ENROLLED

Work at Creswell School This Year

Creswell .-- The largest group ever to for this course, it was learned today from C. H. Rabon, head of this department in the school.

This is the fifth year of this study in the curriculum. At the first only 29 boys signified their desire to study his course, but the increase has rought the total to an even half hundred. These boys are divided into

A unit of the Young Tar Heel Farmers of America has been oganized with Jesse Craddock, president; Glenn

Due to the seasonal increase in Davenport, vice president; Sam Patfarm employment in harvesting and rick, secretary; Joel Davenport, treaswhich is to be on the Thursday after The contest will begin Monday, Oc- marketing cotton, tobacco, and other urer; Robert Hathaway, reporter; and

teacher into alignment with the emer-Mrs. O'Berry said that hundreds of gency relief organization through that will begin in the local Baptist number of books in the school library. A. Mr. Aiken, a musician of renown, The prizes are all in cash. First calls for farm workers have been State College to aid in stressing the church on September 30 and continue Each student will be asked to bring has moved into Roper and it is prize in the county will be \$5, second made at local relief offices by private need of gardens.

The visiting minister was reared in homes which have been discarded or in the schools here and in other places second \$12.50, third \$7.50, and fourth days indicating the need for work and the Creswell school building October ed that Pettiford had listed the white Washington County by Mr. and Mrs which any one might wish to contrib- soon. He was introduced by Princi- \$5. The home agent will be glad to direct relief to care for unemployed 6. The first eight metings were on receive any entries from any farm farm workers has sharply declined. I the topic of "planning a home garden." borne him a child nine weeks ago. natives of this county. Years ago this book will be acceptable, and will be Mrs. L. S. Brey is president of the family in the county. Please enroll at The State Administrator said that The next two will deal with storage

all farm workers in the State classi- of vegetables for winter use; and the fied as "employables" will be removed last will deal with eradication of in-

Mr. Rabon and his boys have out-The latter said that she had been Norman and she and her husband the needs of the steadily growing stufor six years but had no children. worked his way through college and Due to the lack of funds not many cording secretary; Dr. W. T. Gibson, HOLINESS SEPT 30 the need for additional farm workers activities and extra-curricular activities activities and extra-curricular activities activitie ing season," Mrs. O'Berry said, "when which includes all of the regular class is so urgent, the need for work proj- ties in the school. The boys this year Committees: Finance, Miss Royster, Delegations From Near-by ects and direct relief to care for un- are as much, if not more, enthused employed people is reduced to the about their work than in former years.

Later in the year Mr. Rabon is "With few exceptions, we are sus. thinking of spreading out his work to pending all work projects in the rura! include adult farmers. Also he will

> THIEVES ENTER LOCAL STORE

ville, Bethel, Tarboro, Rocky Mount, State from the drought-stricken areas Cash Register at Store of E. H. Liverman Looted of \$20 Thursday

Thieves entered the store of E. H. of employable people from the relief Liverman here last Thursday night "We make every effort to see that amount is usually left in the register Rocky Mount; Rev. T. O. Todd, of our relief clients return to private em- overnight for early morning change. Authorities have the suspects under ville; and many other ministers, in- the work in which they have been surveillance, but there is little or no of every denomination are invited to accustomed to do, when the employ- the operation of the register, as there ment is available. We believe that were no signs that the register had employment now is available to the been forced open. No merchandise Either the thief or thieves were locked in the store at night, or they climbed the drain pipe and entered the building through a window. It is SURPLUS FEED thought that it was the deed of white people.

vice president; Miss Jo Covington, recorresponding secretary; Mrs. A. R Brantley Forbes, Mrs. S. A. Holton.

Towns Expected To Be

the crew and Negro passengers were Carolina, from which 11,380 farmers noon, September 28, at 1:30. discouraged on the trip between New borrowed a total of \$2,872,316.25 for York and Hanana. William C. Camp- production purposes this year reported onstrated is fall styles and fall accesbell, general passenger agent of the at a conference here that prospects sories. Each leader is asked to bring an Ward Line, was of the opinion that were exceedingly bright for 100 per old garment or hat that they would the colored Weeks woman was claim-cent collections. The secretaries like suggestions in remodeling. Please ing the body to sue for compensation whose associations are in the tobacco be prompt and start at 1:30 sharp.or insurance.

The Negro apparently practiced and opend reported that the collections actually got away with triple decep- were already splendid in those section if all information is true: that tions.

This State Borrowed

of posing as a white man when he Ernest Graham, president of the was a Negro; of being married to a Production Credit Corporation of Cocolored woman in one state and to a lumbia, told the secretaries that he white woman in another; and giving believed every dollar of the nearly his place of nativity as Cuba or Vir-ginia when he was born in Plymouth. (olina farmers fom ther association solution) Mrs. Raymond Duvall Wednesday even ning. In Plymouth, Pettiford, has a bro- would be repaid. The splendid prices delicious punch was served, followed ther. Ed Pettiford, who is employed being paid for tobacco and the most by the Plymouth Box and Panel Com- favorable outlook for cotton, he said, by a "Beneath the Sea" salad with pany.

Plymouth Township

Sunday School Meet his stock in the production credit as-sociation from which he secured his hypers was awarded a rose bowl for

A crowd attended the meeting of loan. the Plymouth Township Sunday Mr. Graham stressed the fact that

School Association, which was held in the money which had been loaned to Too Many Table Scraps the Union Chapel Free Will Baptist the farmers had been obtained through Church in the Long Acre section of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank Washington County Sunday afternoon, which had sold debenturs to private

The opening prayer was made by investors and as collateral to these de- tremely concentrated, highly season- for a long time, and now he has been the Sunday school work. There was gages of the farmer-borrowers plus if fed to chickens in large quantities. that has just been opened in Scota song and talk by J. Richard Car, other collateral necessary to secure an Where only a few birds are kept and land Neck. superintendent of the Baptist Sunday attractive interest rate. The money fed only a grain ration the scraps unschool here. Mrs. W. H. Harrison loaned therefore was not government doubtedly supply some of the deficienserved as secretary. A duet was sung money, he said. The government, he cies brought about by such a feeding by Misses Inez and Lovejoy Weede, continued, is merely acting as supervise method. This system of feeding, howdughtaers of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weede, ing agent in the organization of this ever, does not bring out the best in Absence of many of those on the great cooperative credit movement by the birds and causes low vitality as

Wenona Club Meeting

Wenona .-- Mrs. F. R. and Mrs.

Floyd Hartong were hostesses to the

Wenona home demonstration club last

program cut the exercises short. 1. the farmers. T. Weede made a short talk and dis-

missed the crowd.

Round Dozen Club

Miss Martha Hornthal charmingly Thursday afternoon. The meeting was presided over by entertained the members of the Round Dozen Contract bridge club at her Mrs. Carl Heynen. After the regular home on Main Street Friday evening, order of opening exercises the business Many gaily colored fall flowers were of the club was attended to. The secused to decorate the living rooms, retary reported that 14 of the club where tables were arranged for play. members had paid their dues to date. Mrs. Zeno Lyon, having made high The meeting was then turned over

score for the evening, received a pair to the home agent, who gave a lecof chiffon hose, while Mrs. Gordon ture demonstration on school lunches. Norman was awarded a waffle pitcher This was a very fitting subject to be studied at this time, since schools are as low score prize.

Following the game a delicious sweet just beginning. Mrs. R. W. Johnston was a special ess served lemonade and delicious oat- and the soil is given an application of ty. They also secured four cuttings in Florida to be present at the gather- them some of the old-fashioned dances duce 60 pounds than 100 pounds of course with hot chocolate was served. guest of the club. meal cookies.

belts where the markets have already Home Agent.

Mrs. Duvall Entertains

In a beautiful setting of fall flowers of brilliant hue, tables were appointed for contract bridge at the home of

should place nearly every grower who cheese rolls, saltines, and hot coffeee Harry Weede Manager obtained a loan in position to repay after the game. Mrs. B. A. Sumner was winner of the same time enhancing the value of high score prize, two attractive linen same and thus maintain his credit, at

Not Good for Chickens Table scraps are usually an ex-

Miss Eugenia Patterson, county iome demonstration agent, announces

well as a decreased production. For her schedule for next week as follows: best results all birds should have the Tuesday afternoon, October 2nd, proper ration and be well housed. Cross Roads Club will meet with Mrs

N. W. Spruill. Hoke Farmers Have Free

Cotton Certificates Already H. Riddick. Thursday afternoon, October 4, Hoke was the first county in North Piney Grove Club. Carolina to get its tax exemption cer-Friday afternoon, October, 5, Lake tificates for ginning cotton this fall. Farm club. Over 1,000 growers have already received their certificates.

Profitable To Inoculate Austrian Winter Peas

from their alfalfa fields. ground limestone.

According to reports from the reg- attend. istrar's office, Thomas Davis is the Mr. Turner is one of the leading Washington County representative ministers of this denomination in the large majority of farm workers on our has been missed.

among the 468 students enrolled at United States, and abroad for that mat-Mars Hill college at the close of the ter. He spent nine years in China first week of the 78th session which as a missionary with his wife, who alopened September 6. so helps him in the singing and speak

The statistics show further sevening in his meetings. ty-five counties of North Carolina, six-In addition to his mission work and teen states, and three foreign coun-preaching, Rev. Mr. Turner is an autries represented among the students. thor of note, having written a number

Foreign countries representd are Cuof books and sold articles to magaba, Brazil and Germany. zines with world-wide circulation. All of his dozen or more volume.

Of Scotland Neck Store

brought him as much as 2 cents a locate and estimate the amount of surword. He wrote features and corre- plus feed which will be for sale in Harry Weede, son of Mr. and Mrs. sponded for the Hong Kong Tele- Washington County," according to Information has reached here that L. T. Weede, of Plymouth, has been graph, North China Herald, and Shang Fred Blount, farm director, "and every hai Times. He wrote a series for one one interested should get in touch promoted in White's Chain Store or-

Mr. Weede started working with dition of China. this firm while they had a store in

to Washington, where he has been as well as the Pentecostal Holiness formation on peanut, soy bean and 1934, and 1935, Dean I. O. Schaut. institutions. After all of his experi- other types of hay. Also how much of State College, estimated today. John Allen, who also made a talk on bentures had used the notes and mort-ed food and often produce dire results put in charge of the new large store

Home Agent Announces ville Schedule for Next Week

Four Cuttings of Alfalfa

Catawba County farmers cut les-

which includes more than 50,00 copies. have been sold. His writings have Emergency Relief Administration to

ganization of the Scotland Neck store. paper on the political and religious con with me."

Plymouth. Later he was transferred ed seminaries of several denominations son has for sale. This includes in- United States by the AAA for 1933.

his meetings," and has good singing, bushels.

He recently closed very successful "None of this information obligates payments for the three-year period had neetings in Wilmington and White- any person to sell the feed to us, but

More Than 700 Attend ment cows in this and others sec-Homecoming at Fairview

tions," concluded Mr. Blount. More than 700 people gathered at

New Gymnasium Is

Regular daily use of the new gym-

Each class participates in a period 270 per cent. Before the first plownic dinner was served on the grounds. of setting-up exercises, intended to up campaign cotton sank to about 5 Rev. Edgar Harris, of Washington, develop body bone and muscular co- cents a pound, now it has mounted to

morning service and Mr. Davis in the ular, with over 60 boys and girls reg- Consequently, for every 100 pounds Among the interesting members who ed consistent reductions of their waist are now able to sell 60 pounds for

ERA Seeks To Locate and STATE FARMERS TO GET MILLIONS "We have been asked by the State FROM THE A. A. A.

Estimate That a Total Of \$21,000,000 Will Come To North Carolina

North Carolina farmers will receive "We want to know how much hay \$21,735,000 of the probable total of He is a college graduate and attend- measured by the tons that each per- \$779,402,000 to be distributed in the

one-third of these rental and benefit

been made by August 25. They are it will provide a market fo rsurplus going to cotton, tobacco, corn-hog, feedstuff as the relief organization will and wheat farmers who participate in purchase it for feeding to the govern- the crop adjustment programs.

"These benefit payments," he said, "help assure that farmers as a whole will have a larger cash income for 1934 than for 1933, and thus bring farm Being Used Daily incomes nearer to parity with other industries."

He used cotton to illustrate how the

per cent, but the price has gone up

istered. Several students have report- lint the growers sold then for \$5, they sweread the roll call was a Mr. Hai- lines. Each class also participates in \$8.10. The gross income increase is Austrian winter peas make better pedeza hay this season from the tall-growth where the seed are inoculated est growth ever recorded in the coun-who came by automobile from a city and plans are being made to teach even more, since it costs less to pro-

Catawba Farmers Secured

The roll of the members of the class and J. H. MacDonald is the boys' Cotton production was reduced 40

ing a revival there for the last 10 days thenic clases of the high school. Miss the farmers more cash for the amount

church was called and nearly every director. one answered to their names. A pic-

pastor of the church, preached at the ordination. The clases are very pop- 13.5 cents.

vening.

ng.

Louise Brinkley is directing the girls' of lint they do sell.

tin County Sunday for homecoming Wednesday afternoon, October 2, day, according to Rev. Gilbert Davis. Cool Springs Club will meet with Mrs. of Plymouth, who has been conduct- nasium is now being made by calis- lower production is actually bringing

or more.

the Fairview Christian church between

Jamesville and Washington in Mar-

Saturday morning, curb market, at