

## FARMERS URGED TO APPLY FOR CROP LOANS NOW

### Washington Unit of Credit Association Is Ready For Business

J. E. Hull, secretary-treasurer of the Washington Production Credit Association has just announced that the organization is now ready to accept applications from farmers in this county for their 1935 production loans. Mr. Hull states that the farmers of this county who place their applications early will benefit considerably over those who wait till March to do so. Those who come in during the remainder of this month and January will be able to have the preparation of their papers supervised more closely by the secretary before more of his time is demanded in the other counties which the association serves. This will prevent a lot of unnecessary delay through the applications being drawn up wrong. It will assure the farmer that he can depend on getting his credit before he really needs it. The farmer will also be able to make the greatest saving on his largest purchase, which is usually fertilizer as the code price advances one percent each month even on cash purchases. It is also to be pointed out that even though a farmer places his application early and has it approved he does not necessarily have to take his money till he needs it and interest is charged only from the time he actually gets his money till it is paid back at the rate of five percent per year calculated on a 365 day basis. The association has adopted a much better operating system than was used any time during 1934 for the coming year's loans. The expenses necessary in closing a loan have been reduced and Mr. Hull states that the association has been able to obtain more experienced and more competent help throughout in the 30 employees which the association will use during 1935 than was available during the 1934 season. The association plans on giving the farmers of this county the best credit service possible and farmers are urged to do their part by placing their applications early.

Farmers in Washington County are to see Mr. Sidney A. Ward, jr. in Plymouth. Those who wish may go to the central office in Washington.

## TO PUT LIGHTS AT GRADE CROSSING

### Automatic Alarm Signals Ordered Placed at N. S. Crossing Near Here

Below are excerpts from a letter received from F. L. Nicholson, chief engineer of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company at Norfolk, Va., by Walter H. Paramore, secretary of the local chamber of commerce, relative to an inquiry as to the location of automatic flashing light grade crossing signals in this section.

"I advise that plans have been approved for the installation of such signals on N. C. highway route 90 just south of Plymouth near NSRR mile post 94.5. Other signals are under consideration for a point two miles north by Plymouth route 90 NSRR mile post 90 and at Washington Street crossing in Plymouth.

It is understood that the line will put signals at a number of crossings in towns and rural sections that are much used in this section.

## FINANCE AGENCY UP FOR ACTION

### Present Authorizations for RFC End January 31, Next Year

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation, first of the so-called "alphabetical agencies" to be established, tops the list of those slated for action when Congress convenes next month. Present authorizations for the RFC ends January 31, 1935.

Loans by RFC to banks and trust companies total \$1,698,000,000, and to railroads almost \$500,000,000, and loans to private industry total less than \$200,000,000. Chairman Jesse Jones of RFC has expressed a desire to speed up loans to private industry, and for this purpose he has ordered that a review be given every application for an industrial loan that has been rejected by RFC regional managers.

## Episcopal Women To Hold Bazaar at Creswell

Creswell.—The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Creswell Episcopal church will hold their annual bazaar at the William Wiley store Friday, December 14. Supper will be served from 6 to 10 o'clock. Fancy work, novelties, candies will be sold. Every one is cordially invited to come.

## Brisk Trading Is Reported Here As Christmas Nears

Brisk trading in the downtown area here nine shopping days before Christmas brought to the attention of shopkeepers and shoppers alike that the Yuletide spirit has reached the old home town again.

Business houses are brimming with seasonal merchandise that is being offered at very attractive prices. Merchants are putting forth a special effort to please the shoppers and to have a variety from which the purchasers can secure their Christmas gifts.

The spirit is here not only in the

actual trading, but is in the atmosphere. Christmas trees decorated in the homes and on the lots of citizens reflect the attitude of the populace. Also show windows and stores of the business district are likewise aglow with such decorations.

School will close December 21 and reopen January 2. Churches will celebrate the occasion. Social agencies, including clubs and other organizations are making an intensive effort to bring cheer to the needy. This Christmas finds business better and the populace in a more cheerful mood.

## District Relief Office To Be Located Here

### Legislative Committee For Plymouth Is Named

The Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce has announced the appointment of the following legislative committee for Plymouth to cooperate with the sectional officers in preparing a program which the organization expects to sponsor at the coming legislature: A. L. Owens, A. L. Alexander, Z. V. Norman, and W. R. Hampton. Secretary Bartlett was in Plymouth this week getting things lined up for the coming meeting of the General Assembly.

## MAKING PLANS FOR THE NEXT U. S. CONGRESS

### President and Aides Said To Be Writing the Play for Next Session

Generally speaking, the present period aptly may be described as "between the acts." The voters have had their turn on the stage, and Congress soon will hold the spotlight. Carrying the figure of speech a bit further, it might be said that the Administration, meaning the President and his advisers, is writing the play for the next Congress.

One of the most encouraging signs of the times is that citizens in vast numbers, operating through organizations representing business, industry, agriculture, etc., are giving definite expression of policies affecting their various activities, which they believe and hope will be of service to the President and the Congress in dealing with problems that demand consideration and action.

Farmers have expressed, or will be given an opportunity shortly to do so, their views regarding the corn-hog program, the cotton curtailment program as operated under the Bankhead Act, and other phases of agriculture.

Bankers had an opportunity to express their views in their recent convention in Washington, and to hear from the President, first-hand, his attitude toward the business of banking.

Industry will express its opinion upon the various subjects of paramount importance to manufacturers at the Congress of American Industry in New York this week and the annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers to be held a few days later.

Current reports say the Administration and the Manufacturers' Association are working in closer harmony than has prevailed at any time since the New Deal agencies were launched. Eagerly, the Nation waits for the curtain to rise on the next big act in Washington.

## Orthopedic Clinic Will Be Held in Tarboro 17th

Indigent cripples of Plymouth and the surrounding territory are arranging to be present at the free orthopedic clinic that will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday school room in Tarboro at 1 p. m. Monday, December 17, it was announced today by J. W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction and welfare in Washington.

Trips made by crippled children to this clinic before have been very helpful, Mr. Norman announced. Dr. A. R. Stands, orthopedic specialist at Duke Hospital, will be in charge as usual. The clinic is sponsored by the Tarboro Rotary Club.

## Chapel Hill Club Leads All Others in Canning

Chapel Hill Club leads the home demonstration clubs in food conservation for 1934, canning 5,857 quarts. There are 46 members, and Mrs. Robert Swain is canning leader.

## JULIAN C. GIBBS CONTINUES AS HEAD OF FORCE

### State Authorities Reconsider Decision To Locate It in Williamston

Last Thursday it was announced that the division office of the NCERA for Martin, Washington, Tyrrell, and Bertie Counties had been designated for Williamston, but this Thursday the location has been definitely changed to Plymouth.

Julian C. Gibbs, of Tarboro, who came here a year or more ago, and who has been in charge of the administration of federal relief activities since then, has been named administrator for the regional office. Miss Athalia Gardner, who has been in the office almost since the creation of this work in this county will serve as disbursing officer.

Gilford Smith, of Greenville, who has been designated as statistician, is here now and is on the job. The old force is expected to remain intact and additional district employees will begin coming in here as soon as the new set-up begins operation.

Word came here last Thursday that Williamston had been designated as the place by the state officials but a group here, including Senator C. L. Bailey, W. R. Hampton, George W. Harrison, and others took the matter up with the state officials and secured the location of the office here.

It is a foregone conclusion with those who are aware of the facts of the matter that office was changed back to Plymouth the second time only after the local civic-minded citizens had pleaded for reconsideration by the officials at Raleigh.

Already while Mr. Hampton was chairman of the board of commissioners, that group, with the assistance of the town of Plymouth, had made concessions to the relief organization to locate the district office here by offering free office space, telephone, lights, heat, and such necessities.

## Two Prizes To Be Given For Christmas Decoration

Christmas eve a committee of judges named by the woman's club will tour the town and select the two most artistic decorations. The winners will be awarded \$5 each by the Junior Woman's Club. Every one is asked to decorate their homes and stores. All decorations must be placed that they may be seen from the street.

The committee, consisting of Mrs. E. F. Still, chairman; Mary Mayo, Nellie F. Beasley, and Mrs. J. C. Smith, will drive around town at 10 o'clock December 24th to select the winners, who will be announced in the Beacon the following issue.

## Pupils of Mrs. Johnston To Give Recital on 20th

Mrs. Laura S. Johnston will present the pupils of her primary piano class in a recital, "Kris Kringle's Musical Party" on Thursday evening, December 20, at 8 o'clock, at the Plymouth High School auditorium. Music lovers and others are invited to attend. Mrs. Johnston has some talented pupils in the group which she is tutoring in her studios at the school, and as usual at her recitals, it is expected that a number will attend.

## Twin Daughters Die In Creswell Friday

Creswell.—Mary and Margaret Spruill, 5-month-old twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. R. Leslie Spruill, died Friday morning after a short illness. There were only 30 minutes between their deaths.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Episcopal church here Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. E. L. Stack. Interment took place in St. David's cemetery.

## STORE IS ROBBED DESPITE ALARM BY POLICE DOG

### \$300 Worth of Merchandise Taken From Thompsons And Car Stolen

Incredulous humans paid no attention to the warning barks of a dog here last Friday night, so Thompson-Clagson's store was robbed of \$300 worth of merchandise.

Joe, German police dog, pal of policemen, rent the air with vicious growls and frantic barking, but no one answered. Those who happened to be out at that time of the morning could see no reason why they should investigate the cries of a dog on a cold, snowy night, they reported next day.

Next morning about 7 o'clock, Billy Davidson, a carrier boy for a morning paper, discovered the smashed plate glass in the front door of Thompson's store and reported it to police, who in turn notified Mr. Thompson. Inside of the door with the bits of glass was a wrench.

From clues the police believe that two young white boys from somewhere motored into Plymouth on a Model A Ford car, which was found parked on the streets here Saturday morning. This car was stolen from its owner in Elizabeth City and has been returned.

After abandoning this car, they tried open the front door of the building next to Thompson's store and took the new Chevrolet sedan owned by Bill Reid, local representative of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, which was parked in there with the firm's truck.

Forcing an entrance into Thompson's store through the glass front door, the thieves took about 15 suits of clothes, pajamas, underwear, zipper coats, overcoats and other wearing apparel. They also removed all the articles on display in one of the show windows of the store.

Only a bar arranged across the door at the rear was removed and the car backed out. The key was already in the vehicle switch. Mr. Reid's car was found near Whaleyville, Va., not very far from Suffolk, where on account of a detour the thieves stuck it in the mud.

A negro living nearby reported to Sheriff Rhodes that the car had been abandoned and inside the vehicle were found tags taken from the clothes stolen from the store here. He reported his find to Chief of Police P. W. Brown who had the car returned here Monday morning.

Authorities in Virginia and North Carolina were advised of the robbery on Saturday morning and Mr. Brown hopes to have the culprits arrested whenever they endeavor to dispose of the remainder of the clothes. The negro reported that the two white men were dressed in new clothes entirely including new overcoats.

## Hoke Club Elects New Officers at Recent Meet

Mrs. J. H. Browning entertained the members of the Hoke home demonstration club last Tuesday. The meeting was called to order and presided over by Miss Patterson. During the business session new officers were elected as follows:

Miss Edith Jackson, president; Mrs. C. D. Sallinger, vice president; Mrs. J. H. Browning, secretary; Mrs. C. D. Sallinger, clothing leader; Miss Hilda Browning, assistant clothing leader; Mrs. Andrew Ange, canning leader; Miss Lula Watson, garden leader; Mrs. Wheeler Ange, yard leader; Mrs. J. T. Browning, home improvement leader.

The members exchanged Christmas gifts and during the social hour candy and peanuts were served. The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Wheeler Ange in January.

## Funeral Held Saturday For Mr. Alfred C. Garrett

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon for Alfred C. Garrett, 79 years of age, who died Friday of a complicated illness that had confined him to his bed for the last two or three weeks. Mr. Garrett was a well known farmer of the old school and owned much land in the county.

Last rites were held in Grace Episcopal church, officiating, Interment took place on his plantation not far from Plymouth, known as Garrett's Island. He never married. Mrs. J. H. Smith, sr., was a relative and Mr. Garrett was very friendly with the entire family.

## 297 Births Reported in County During 1933

There were 297 live births in Washington County during 1933, it was learned here today from the Health Bulletin issued by the North Carolina State Board of Health in Raleigh. Twenty-six children died under 1 year of age. This gives a rating of 68.2 per thousand live births.

## County Board Continues Its Reorganization Work Here

### TEACHERS WILL MEET MONDAY AT CRESWELL

### Interesting Program Is Outlined for Meeting Next Week

Creswell.—A list of desirable traits and trait actions for boys and girls in all schools and a special list for the local school, prepared by teachers and principals, will be read by Miss Josephine Holmes in the second meeting of the Washington County Teachers Association which will be held in the local school December 17 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

A list of desirable traits and trait actions prepared by the pupils supervised will be read by Miss Mary Royter with a list of traits prepared by a committee of patrons to be read by Miss Lucille Parker and Mrs. Gladys Davenport. R. B. Forbes will explain what is learned from these reports.

A study of elementary and high school graduates over a period of five years in the light of promising graduates not successful in life and unpromising graduates successful in life will be given by C. H. Aderholdt, of Creswell, I. J. Kellum, Roper, and L. M. Anderson, Plymouth.

Miss Nevie Pickett will show how well pupils have attained citizenship outcomes in a representative school, while Miss Gladys Rountree will report on a survey made by teachers and pupils on evidence that the school curriculum should provide for traits and actions.

Teachers who, in light of the above facts, should study the 1923 and 1930 outline courses in citizenship with a view to constructing, testing and reporting plans to solve some special problem of citizenship and character training, include Misses Mary Clark, Carolyn Brooks, Irene Johnson, Josephine Covington, Elizabeth Norman, Lois Parker and T. R. Ainsley.

Teachers who will plan with their pupils individual and desk citizenship check sheets for recording progress in good citizenship habits and attitude are Lacy Adcox, Miss Mary James, Miss Nellie Tarkenton.

Miss Ethel Perry will present a study in behavior problems.

## KILL MICE WITH POISONED BAIT

### Much Damage Caused By Mice To Orchard Trees During the Winter

Field mice are an orchard pest that most fruit growers are unaware of until it is too late to save their trees, says H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist at State College.

Most of the damage, he says, occurs during the winter months in orchards where a heavy sod covers the ground.

The mice work just beneath the surface and are not noticed until the trees begin to die or fail to bud in the spring. At first the damage may be slight, but eventually the mice eat away the bark from the trunk a few inches below the soil so as to completely girdle the tree.

The common meadow mouse migrates to the orchards when their food supply in the open fields becomes scarce. The short-tailed pine mouse is most destructive, doing most damage to orchards growing near timbered areas.

Niswonger urges orchardists to examine the areas around their trees, looking for mice runways and injuries to the trees. If evidence of mice is found, they can be destroyed by putting out wheat bait which has been poisoned with strychnine. Detailed information how to mix the bait and place it around the trees may be obtained free from the horticultural department of State College in Raleigh.

As a supplementary control measure, Niswonger suggests the digging up of grass and weeds under the trees. This breaks up the tunnels and runways and causes the mice to seek their food in areas farther from the trees.

## Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Miss Eugenia Patterson, county home demonstration agent, announces the following schedule of club meetings for next week:

Monday afternoon, Plymouth 4-H club. Tuesday, Pleasant Grove. Important, election of officers for 1935-36. Wednesday afternoon, Cool Springs. Thursday, open. Friday, open. Saturday, curb market, 8:30. Come and buy your Christmas goodies.

## Senator Bailey To Speak To Legion Auxiliary 14th

Senator Carl L. Bailey will speak to the members of the American Legion Auxiliary in the Legion Hall here Friday afternoon, December 14, at 3:30 o'clock on the subject, "Sugar-Coated Parliamentary Pills."

In addition to this address other interesting matters will come before the body. Charter application blanks will be mailed the day after the meeting so that any one desiring may join as early as possible, according to Mrs. W. V. Hays, president.

## FARLEY ATTACKS VOTE PLEDGING IN RECENT TALK

### Urges Congressmen-Elect Not To Tie Hands by Advance Promises

"To these Congressmen-elect, I would say that, in my opinion, a legislator who ties his own hands regarding legislation on which he will vote is committing as great a sin as a jurymen who goes into court pledged in advance to a particular verdict."

These words were spoken, not by some weaver of fantastic theories, but by the very practical Chairman James A. Farley of the Democratic National Committee, in an address delivered in New York recently.

Without mentioning names, Mr. Farley delivered a sharp thrust at tactics such as were employed by the American Federation of Labor when it issued a questionnaire to congressional candidates several weeks in advance of the elections, demanding "yes" or "no" answers on a number of proposals, some directly benefiting organized labor, that are slated to come before the next Congress. Mr. Farley said:

"Already the newly elected Congressmen are being solicited to sign pledges, more or less, vague, which would enable these organizations to claim them as adherents and so make a showing of strength before or at the coming session."

He added that it is the duty of a Congressman "to keep his mind open, to preserve his freedom of judgment and his independence of thought, to the end that when he takes a position on any of the grave matters with which the coming Congress must deal he will vote as his conscience directs for the best interests of the people."

What effect the Farley statement will have upon the legislative program espoused by the A. F. of L. is uncertain. There is no present assurance that the President will sponsor the American Federation of Labor program.

## NEED FOR MORE WORK ANIMALS

### Four Years Necessary To Remedy Shortage In North Carolina

Horses and mules are not listed among North Carolina's surplus commodities, says C. D. Grinnells, associate professor of animal husbandry at State College.

In fact, he says, the shortage in work stock, felt for years, reached significant proportions during the depression and is still one of the State's agricultural problems.

Grinnells says it would take at least four years to appreciably remedy the shortage, but a program started now would, in a few years, place North Carolina in a good position insofar as work stock is concerned.

Prices of good, sound animals will continue high, he says, and owners of good stock will find it well worth while to breed and raise high grade animals.

Meanwhile, he urges farmers to take care of the stock they have. Too many farmers have drifted into the custom of letting their horses and mules shift for themselves. The rations are limited and the quality of the feed, especially during the off season, is usually bad, indigestible, damaged or mouldy.

This condition is aggravated by advanced age, poor teeth, and less efficient digestive tracts, found in many animals. Improper feed is a serious matter for old horses and mules. Abrupt changes of feed, overeating, and careless treatment often prove fatal. Horses are less able than cattle to withstand the effects of bad feed.

The horse or mule fills an important place on the farm, especially in these days of crop adjustments, Grinnells says, and it will pay farmers to take better care of their work stock.

## SPECIAL MEET WILL BE HELD NEXT MONDAY

### Bill Waters Named County Accountant; Other Work Done

Another called meeting of the Washington County Commissioners will be held on Monday, December 17, with new matters to come before the officials as they continue their work of reorganization of the county government.

At the meeting held last Friday, W. E. (Bill) Waters was named county accountant at a salary of \$1,500 annually to be paid monthly by the commissioners and \$300 annually to be paid monthly by the county board of education, and it will be his duty to keep books for both boards.

Mr. Waters will be paid a total of \$150 monthly for keeping books for both boards, while a stenographer to be paid a salary of \$50 monthly will be employed to serve as a stenographer for the commissioners and county board of education.

The office now occupied by C. L. Bailey will after December 17 be used for the tax collector, which job is now held by J. Corbett Swain. The county accountant will use the office that is now used for the auditor and for the meetings of the board of commissioners.

It was decided by the commissioners that in consideration of the fact that Sheriff J. K. Reid has been placed on a salary of \$200 monthly that any processes issued by the county would not be subject to fee for him, not even that of summoning jurors, but that he could retain fees secured from serving processes for individuals.

Zeb Vance Norman, local lawyer, was named attorney for the commissioners to counsel them in their meetings for a compensation of \$25 monthly with the privilege of foreclosing tax certificates and with a just and fair fee to be paid when he represented the county in any legal action.

Mrs. D. M. McKnight, who was elected coroner, was instructed to appear with bond and to qualify for this office by December 17. Sheriff Reid's bond, as mentioned last week, was approved.

## LARGE SALES OF CARS REPORTED

### Nearly Twice As Many Car Sales This Year As Last Report Shows

Record of sales of new automobiles and trucks in the State continue to be set up. In October, 9,216 motor vehicles were sold, 7,311 automobiles and 1,905 trucks, as compared with 4,776 automobiles and 994 trucks in October, 1933, and 4,893 automobiles and 1,047 trucks in September.

Automobiles sold this year, new ones, number 40,383, as compared with 24,683 to the same date, through October, last year, while 9,690 trucks were sold the first 10 months of this year, as compared with 5,505 last year.

Chevrolet cars led with 3,934 new car sales, Ford 2,054, Plymouth 1,243, Dodge 174, Oldsmobile 164, Terraplanes 152, Buick 149, Pontiac 146, Chrysler 101, Studebaker 60, Hudson 44 and of the higher priced cars, two Lincolns and Packards and one Cadillac. Trucks sold were 1,165 Chevrolets, Ford 450 and Dodge 209.

## Teacher Added To Faculty At Local Colored School

Ruth Fields has been added to the faculty of the Washington County Training School in Plymouth, making 13 teachers on the staff. She will take a section of the fourth grade, which has a total of 72 children attending. This will give each teacher for this grade about 36 pupils, according to Principal W. H. Berry.

There is a total of 532 children enrolled in this school with an average daily attendance of about 453, with 68 of these in the high school and 385 in the lower grades. An additional teacher was sorely needed, according to Principal Berry.

## Special Meeting of Junior Woman's Club Is Held

A called meeting of the Junior Woman's Club was held Tuesday evening. Ten dollars was given to the high school for new music books. A Christmas dance was discussed and will be decided on later.

Proceeds from the bazaar amounted to \$35, it was announced by the chairman.