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# **ABANDON PRISON CAMP NEAR HERE**

Is Condemned as Unfit by Both County Board and Grand Jury

Prisoners from the local state unit of the Highway and Public Works to go on Saturdays to make up for homes during the continued inclem-Kinston, Rocky Mount, Williamston, Wilson, Woodville, and Kitty Hawk. which lets the children out about 1 not many of the children lived far house. Thirty-five of the men have gone. o'clock by teaching through, elim- from the schools.

The local unit was ordered to vacate the camp by the Washington County commissioners. It is safely estimated that close to \$300 monthly in revenue for the merchants of Plymouth have been lost. The guards, J. J. Burdine, W. M. Hopkins, and Louis Samuel Bateman have also been transferred.

W. H. Gaylord, superintendent of the camp for years, continues with the state in charge of completing the task in moving. It is said that another camp will be located in this camp close to Creswell when the

At the January term of Washington County Superior Court the grand jury report included the following, relative to the state highway prison camp:

"Our examination of this camp revealed conditions that ought to be eliminated. It has the appearance of a collectio nof cattle stalls or horse stables on a neglected plantation, and but for the energy and efficiency of Mr. W. H. Gaylord, superintendent, it would be utterly unfit for the purpose for which it is

"Even the superintendent's individual hut is unfit except for temporary, very temporary, habitation. The state highway department is fortunate indeed to have the services of the present superintendent at this camp. Conditions are as near perfect as, under the circumstances, it is possible for them to be, due to the activities of Mr. Gay-

#### Shakespeare Play To Be Shown Here

The New Theatre will celebrate the installation of their new RCA sound system with the picture, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," on onday of next week. This picture Club, says her chickens are doing is from the classic comedy by William Shakespeare and is accompanied by music from Felix Mendelssohn.

James Gagney, Anita Louise, Hugh tie Swain's. It is encouraging to Herbert, Dick Powell, Joe E. Brown and others. Reserved seats are now on sale at the box office. Mail orders will be given prompt attention. This is possibly the only time such a picture will be shown in a community as small as Plymouth.

This picture will have two showings, 3 and 8 p. m. It is said to consume three hours. Only one day.

#### Club Women To Exchange Plants Brooks. Please plan to attend.

The home demonstration clubs in Hold Funeral for Washington County are planning a "plant exchange" for the month of March. Our motte is "Leave your bit of the world more beautiful." Each is to contribute shrubs, flowers, or seeds at this meeting. Which formerly of Washington County, clubs will be on the honor roll for was killed in Philadelphia in a having 100 per cent exchange?

Any one having surplus shrubs 14. Funeral services were conductplease given them to the home agent ed for him Friday morning, Februso that they may be distributed to ary 21 ,at Philippi Church, of which those who do not have shrubs.

Naturally, one is judged by the Respass, pastor, conducting the serv appearance of the home grounds. ice. Burial was made in the fam-Why not spend a little time on your yard this spring. You will be proud of the results.—Home agent. was very beautiful Surviving Mr. F

# Prayer Service at

Friday, February 28, is world Phelps, of near Raleigh. Day of Prayer. In cooperation with this observance, the Woman's Missionary Society of the local Christian church will hold an impressive service at the church at 3 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

### Special Music at **Methodist Church**

# STEPS TAKEN TO Hope To Reopen Schools Of County Next Monday

County will open Monday, March | So far, about 20 schools days have 2, if the weather continues fair and been lost since operation of the no snow or rain falls in the mean- schools was suspended about a time to make the roads worse, ac- month ago. It is also expected that cording to H. H. McLean, superin- the term will be extended well into tendent of schools.

The children will probably have

By Mary Frances Misenheimer

Schedule for Next Week

Monday, Busy Bee Club.

Tuesday, Hoke Club.

Thursday, Chapel Hill.

Saturday, 8:30, curb market,

The snow didn't stop Mrs. J E.

Bowen, Mrs. Joe Snell and Mr. J.

to buy the products Saturday morn-

At County Bridge they walked so

he women of Washington County.

plans for an outdoor living room.

Mrs. A. S Holmes, food leader of

Creswell club, gave a good demon-

stration on "Dutch String Beans,"

Mrs. O. A. Chesson, of Swain

An attractive well-balanced meal

Reports from the canning leaders

A food leaders' school is to be

Creswell.-Lindsey Phelps, 41

street-car wreck Friday, February

he was a member, with Rev. R. O.

Surviving Mr. Phelps are his

ers, D. A. Phelps, jr., Frank Phelps,

Grace Episcopal Church in Plym-

church again Sunday.

County Bridge and Swain Clubs.

was enjoyed last week at Mrs. Mat-

at the last meeting.

what you preach.

come visitors at all times.

over half this cold weather.

ing. Thanks to them for coming.

women for attending.

their cars.

through a downpour of rain.

as to be sure of being there.

10:30, Morrattock Club.

Friday, Beech Grove.

Wednesday, Roper.

Public schools in Washington inating study periods and recesses. the last part of May

Many of the teachers left for their

# Homeand Resettlement Group Here Wednesday Club News

To Effect Settlement Of Debt

A claim against the Rural Resettlement Administration for \$55 was paid Wednesday by C. G. Hutcheson, farm supervisor, after the complainant, Mrs. Edna M. Latham, had attached through the process of law a mule owned by the government

The mule was in the possession C. Knowles from coming to curb of John Hassell. Sheriff J. K Reid market Saturday. Mrs. Joe Snell, was ordered by Magistrate John W. of Cool Springs Club, led the sales. Darden to seize the property and Our faithful customers were here hold it until the \$55 was paid. This money was due for rental on a house in which a client of the rural resettlement administration lived.

To the club that had their meet-Repeated efforts to collect the ngs last week, I want to thank the money, which was due weeks ago, failed in securing any returns. Mrs. At Creswell the members came Latham tired of the red tape of the agencies, carried the matter to com-At Swain they came in carts, as pletion in short order. Mr. Hutchehe roads were too muddy to drive son came forward the day after the seizure of the mule and paid up.

The first issuance of the paper was on a mule in the custody of I have never seen a finer spirit of Aaron Davenport, but it was found cooperation exist than does among that Davenport owned the mule and then the papers were transferred to the animal in the possession of The yard leader in County Bridge John Hassell. Club, Mrs. Williams, is making

### **HOEY OUTLINES** STAND ON VITAL **CAMPAIGN ISSUE**

Or a Conservative—Just Plain Old Democrat

Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, not only made good his promise to outpreach well-balanced meals, then line fully and completely his posifinding club members practicing tion on all controversial questions within the State in the extended political speech he made recently There were several visitors at the over a state-wide radio hook-up, Creswell Club last week. We welbut he went a good deal farther and said considerably more about a number of things than either his supporters or opponents had exand clothing leaders were given in pected, according to some of the politicians. Some of Mr. Hoey's opponents maintain that he did some clever pussyfooting and fence held here March 17 by Miss Sallie straddling in some portions of his

lack of fence straddling. is likely to develop in the campaign crowded. for the Democratic nomination for

ily cemetery. The floral offering nous and lasted one hour. It was the first political speech since the of Gatesville, and Wilbert Phelps, of ernor of this State. He offered no Raleigh; three sisters, Miss Hazel personal platform, declaring, "I do me to the nomination." Christian Church Phelps and Mrs. Ernest Phelps, of Newland, and Mrs. Andrew Daven- I stand on the democratic platform

port, of Norfolk; one son, Jule in state and nation." Evidently taking indirect cog- lows: nizance of the charges which have in his speech:

Sunday school wil lbe held at the plain democrat who believes in and sales tax. However, I am not criti- homes, the only condition which seven years after the invention of tobacco will be done all over the advocates democratic principles and cising the general assembly for re- should prevail generally in order the telephone by Alexander Gra- United States for other commodiouth Sunday, instead of at the home supports democratic nominees. I sorting to the sales tax to meet that agriculture may be made a ham Bell. During that year there ties, and I believe cotton will be of Mrs. Sarah F. Nurney. The heat- shall offer no issues as the basis of what it considered a real emergen- strong national bulwark. Diversi- were 2 billion letters mailed and next." ing system heretofore has not been my candidacy. You do not select a cy. I continue to regard the sales fication in farming is the mother of 40 million telegrams transmitted. providing the necessary heat to platform or an issue as governor, tax as an emergency measure and crop rotation; and rotation is not There are now about 34,000,000 get about other states." Regular services wil lbe held at make the building comfortable and but you select a man and unless I I will not accept it as a permanent only a major factor in the main-telephones in the world, 93 percent Regular services wil the fiscal policy of the State. I favor the tenance of soil productivity, but of which may be interconnected the local methodist church Sunday morning and evening at the usual dences. W. F. Winslow, superin- be elected governor, then no issue immediate repeal of the sales tax as the establishment of systematic with telephones of the Bell System. nours. Rev. 1. C. Illist will occur any sold state and clean py the pulpit. Special music at the tions will permit meeting in the I might construct would either or meals without regard to whether tations is the real beginning of orcent of the telephones in the world constant supply of fresh and clean

### PUBLIC HEARING STATE FIFTH IN ON INCREASING VALUE OF CROPS DEPTH OF RIVER

Will Be Held in Plymouth Texas, California, Illinois, On March 25; Urge All Interested to Attend

A public hearing on increasing the depth of Roanoke River from Commission have been transferred the lost time. And Mr. McLean did ent weather. Except for a few days Hamilton to Weldon, from 5 to 10 from here to camps in New Bern, not think that the Saturday sessions the colored schools have maintained feet, will be held in Plymouth on would run on a rainy day schedule, their schedule. This was because March 25, at 1 p. m., in the court- State College, said a few days ago.

In many places the river has become very shallow at low water, and transportation is almost impos-\$55 Claim Is Paid by and transportation is almost impossible. It is generally believed that water, will be of considerable benepoint of water transportation.

It is possible that freight boats that are now coming up the river as far as Williamston may estab-Mule Attached by Claimant lish transportation lines further up the river, and this posibility also applies to water transportation of gasoline.

Probably the greatest benefit will be to the owners of vast tracts of timber along the river, which cannot be profitably moved except by water. Timber barges \cannot be loaded, successfully, above Hamilton, but if water transportation is available all seasons of the year an outlet and sale for this vast area of timber will be created, and will be very beneficial to every timber own-

All interested parties are invited to be present, or to be represented at this meting, especially those who navigate and operate wharves, terminals, and lumber industries on the Roanoke River, and the officials of any county, town, or local association, whose interests may be affected by the matter un-

# Mrs. K. R. Hopkins

Funeral services will be held in the Christian Church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Mrs. Inez Knowles Hopkins, 39, wife of Kenneth R. Hopkins, who died in a Rocky Mount hospital Wednesday night. She had been suffering from a poisoned system caused by an ailng tooth. Burial will be in Windey cemetery near town.

# Mrs. T. B. Wolfe

Funeral services will be held Satnesday in Florence, S. C., where she tion of crops, and by the intelligent motion was made and adopted: was visiting her son, Tommie Wolfe. use of farm manure, commercial Pneumonia caused her death.

visiting relatives.

# Thinning of Pine Forests

speech, especially those dealing ests has proved profitable. The cut- yields; (2) when rotation and the heard the speech were surprised at necessary firewood, but it also additive. the frank and flat-footed position leaves the largest and best trees to Since the ordinary effects of rotook on most questions and at the the shortest time. The average an- when practiced together are addiclined to agree that Hoey has made double the value of timber in a few use of fertilizers the increased ef- and Carl S. Heynen, of Wenona. his position unusually clear on allyears. The thinning, however, ficiencies of these two practices, most every controversial question should be systematic and should al- when conjoined, will likewise be which has already developed or so be done as the growth becomes additive, and will be thus reflected Many Phone Calls

Receive Inquiries for 10,000 Mr. Hoey's speech was volumi- Pounds of Lespedeza Seed farmers of the country, even though

pounds of lespedeza seed for 12 Surviving Mr. Phelps are his announcement of his candidacy for father, D. A. Phelps, sr., three broth the demogratic pomination for govthe democratic nomination for gov-

Hoey's views as outlined in his speech on various topics of interest, and greatly condensed, are as fol-

been frequently made that he is an taxation are ability to pay and ben- that, in most of these sections or mailed, while 165 million telegrams seem to want to put this baby in the ultra-conservative, Hoey said early efits to be derived, in proper bal- localities, diversification, wherever were transmitted. This compares ance. "I am a democrat without prefix The Sales Tax: "I had nothing step toward more stabilized agricul- 100 million telegrams.

qualify me for the office or entitle or not any tax is levied on liquor." ganized business farming.

and Iowa Ahead Of North Carolina

North Carolina stood fith last year in the valuation of farm crops by States, Dean I. O. Schaub, of

a 10-foot depth, maintained at low 000, a rather sizeable sum if the car door. The amount of poultry State did rank fifth.

Texas led the nation with a valuwith \$289,230,000, and Illinois with once a month in th efuture. \$273,931,000.

The value of farm crops in this 000, the dean added.

The value of North Carolina's crops on a per acre basis was much higher than in most of the other States, however, he pointed out.

Last year 6,152,000 acres were planted to crops in this State, as compared to 27,554,000 in Texas; 20,883,000 in Iowa, \$20,158,000 in Nebraska, and 17,692,000 in Illinois.

In other words, the average per was around \$15.

California, however produced its to make a per acre value of \$69.

All the figures in the report were crops raised, and do not include benefit payments distributed to farprograms.

## Passes Wednesday Crop Effectiveness **Rests Upon Three Important Factors**

Cultivation, Rotation And Use of Fertilizers Are Main Principles

By G. A. CARDWELL (Agricultural Agent for A. C. L.)

fertilizers, liming, etc. Whatever facts: (1) Crop rotation may prove nure or commercial fertilizers in The practice of thinning pine for- maintaining or increasing crop

nual removal of cordwood will more tive, it logically follows that when in increased crop yields.

Although the statement is made that crop rotation of some descrip-Inquiries for more than 10,000 the rotations may consist in merely a change in cropping without any cation in volume. There were 25 who may serve as chairman of said regularity, yet in some sections far- 000 telephones now serving this power to vote in case of a tie. mers have not yet come to know country last year, as compared with the economic importance of crop 12 billion calls made in 1910. rotation because of the want of diversification in farming. From a phone almanac issued by the Amer- interested in what has been going Taxation: The basic principles of of view it is generally conceded pany, there were 13 billion letters so much buck passing. The states it is possible, is the first important with 8,000,000,000 letters in 1910 and to pass it back to the states. The Episcopal Church "I am a democrat without prefix or suffix. I am not a radical, neither to do with the adoption of the sales ture, and this stabilization in turn am I a conservative. I am just a tax and have never advocated the would lead to more contented farm were reported in 1885, which was that what is now being proposed for

# Plans Abandoned for FOR PAST YEAR State Tobacco Control

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

The Farmer's Cooperative Ex-According to figures compiled by outh last Saturday and about 12 the United States Department of coops of chickens were delivered by Agriculture and sent to the dean, farmers to the car. These chickens the total value of North Carolina's were weighed and paid for at an adfarm crops in 1935 was \$246,348,- vertised price when delivered at the received was very good, considering the heavy snow and road conation of \$375,298,000. Next were ditions at that time. We plan to California with \$367,143,000, Iowa have a poultry car at Plymouth

There is no definite information State dropped slightly under the that we are able to give the farmlevel for 1934, which was \$262,973,- ers at this time relative to the new or proposed crop control program. We are told by State officials and others who should be in a position to know that we will have a program of some kind to offer the farm er previous to planting time.

The Albemarle Mutual Exchange had a meeting of the directors last Monday and decided to open a store in the town of Roper and to carry acres in this State was \$41, while a line of quality seeds, feeds, and in Texas, where the total valuation fertilizers. This will be the FCX was highest, the average per acre brand, which is open formula material made with ingredients as specified under formula recommend \$367,143,000 crop on 5,372,000 acres ed by state authorities as those formulas which are most economical and at the same time necessary for based on the farm value of the proper plant and animal growth. Mr. C. C Hilton, field representative of the FCX, attended the meetmers who cooperated in the AAA ing and gave the directors information as to how our local exchange could affiliate itself with the state exchange and receive greater benefits than would be possible operatice will be offered to the general exchange and should be operating within a very short time.

A meeting of farm leaders was ernoon, at which time Mr. Ray from states did. the Federal Farm Bureau, made a talk on Farm Bureau Federations dicate that the discussion topic was and what benefit farmers of Wash- overshadowed by the Supreme ington County might expect to re- court and held in awe by the conceive by organizing a unit of the stitution. Aside from what the Since permanent soil productivity Farm Bureau Federation in Wash- high court might do to a law passed depends largely on cultivation of ington County. Those present by Congress to protect the Died Wednesday the soil, rotation of crops, and the thought so well of the idea that a pact, the conference just threw the soil, rotation of crops, and the County Federation was initiated and up its hands in fear of what states use of fertilizers, it logically fol- County Federation was initiated and up its hands in fear of what states lows that, assuming the use of good a temporary committee appointed outside the compact would do in seed, soil productivity in general to complete the organization of a the way of increased plantings.

urday afternoon at 3 o'clock, for may be materially increased by Washington County Farm Bureau late Dr. T. B. Wolfe, who died Wed- proved and more systematic rota- farmers present, and the following ed the following: County a unit of the North Caro- thorizes the states of Virginia, North Mrs Wolfe maintains a residence efforts a farmer may put forth in lina Farm Bureau Federation to fed Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia,

here on Main Street, where she and maintaining or in increasing soil erate with the American Farm Bu- Florida, Tennessee and Kentucky a daughter live when they are not productivity by the methods sug- reau Federation to cooperate with to enter into an agreement and com gested, he should at all times be the Department of Agriculture and pact respecting the control of the mindful of these two encouraging the North Carolina Extension Serv- production sale and distribution of ice for the purpose of promoting tobacco until the ownership thereof Is A Profitable Practice as effective as the use of farm ma- and protecting the National Program vests in the manufacturer or exfor Agriculture." Organization officers elected and appointed were as follows: L. E. to vest the power or powers to car-

with the liquor question and the ting out of dead, crippled or over- use of fertilizers are conjoined their Hassell, chairman; Francis Beasley, ry into effect the said objective of sales tax. But many of those who crowded trees not only furnishes the combined effects on crop yields are secretary and treasurer; H. C. tobacco production, sale and distri-Spruill and R. B. Davenport, of bution control in a commission (or Plymouth Township; J. M. Clagon authority) to be composed of equal Lindsey Phelps the frank and flat-footed position leaves the largest and best trees to tation and of the use of fertilizers and R. L. Stillman, of Lees Mill representation from each of the com when practiced together are additional and C. L. pacting states to be appointed by the Township; J. C Swain and C. L. pacting states to be appointed by the Everett, of Skinnersville Township; governors of the same as per meth-Most of those who listened to the than pay taxes on the woodland and a farmer increases the productive J. DeWitte Davenport and W. D. ods required for other appointees speech or who have read it are in- the remaining trees will more than efficiency of his rotation and of the Phelps, of Scuppernong Township; acting in executive capacities; and

# **During Past Year**

In 1935, according to the telegeneral-westare or economic point can Telephone and Telegraph com-

## Hope Held Out for Definite Program to Control 1937 Crop

change had a poultry car in Plym- Constitutionality of New Program Debated at Some Length

> Plans for effecting a program for the control of tobacco production in 1936 by compact between the tobacco-growing states, were abandoned in Washington this week, when a conference of state officials, apparently without any backbone, threw up its hands and laid the cause of failure to Georgia. In short, the conference, attended by Governor Ehringhaus, Governor Peery, of Virginia, and representatives from several other tobacco-growing states. left the control program wide open rather than stempt a compact that mighth have proved of some value.

It is the opinion of some that the conference took a political turn at the last minute. Eugene Talmadge, Georgia governor, was blamed for the immediate failure of the movement to form the compact. It is also believed by some that the governor of this state was relieved when the action of the conference virtually rendered unnecessary a special session of the N. C. General Assembly for consideration of tobacco control

Before quitting the conference offered the encouraging hope that prospects for a compact were bright for next year

The snag in the proposed control program was struck when the right of Congress to pass a law controlling interstate shipments of tobacco from those states not entering the ing as an individual unit. This serv compact was questioned again and again. The members of the conferpublic as well as members of the ence apparently were fearful some one else would share in the benefits, and they paid little attention to Mr. O'Neal of the American Farm Bureau Federation when he urged held at the courthouse Saturday aft- action regardless of what other

Reports from the conference in-

Instead of the proposed bill, 19 Mrs. Minnie P. Wolfe, wife of the improved methods of tillage, by im- Federation. There were about 30 pages long, one attorney suggest-

() The Congress of the United "That we organize in Washington States hereby consents to and auporter.

(2) The said states are authorized the said commission may be authorized to make all necessary, needful or appropriate rules and regulations for the execution of said pow-

(3) The said states are hereby authorized to name the secretary of agriculture of the United States (or Telephone calls in the United his nominee) as ex-officio member States lead all forms of communi- of said commission (or authority)

"The farmers are red-headed and want something done," Mr O'Neal told the conference. "I have been on here, but I have not liked to see lap of Congress and Congress wants Supreme Court has already given Only 212 million telephone calls the baby to the states, and I believe

He advised the conference to "for-

Since 55 percent of a hen's body weight and over 65 percent of an morning and evening at the usual tendent, thinks that weather condilated the morning and evening at the usual tendent, thinks that weather condilated to articles of food and cropping systems or of proper roll Thirty-five years ago only 36 peregg is water, laying hens need a hours. Rev. T. C. Thrift will occu-