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NEW ROAD FROM Davenport Land To JUNIOR-SENIOR Routes of Approach SPRING MEETING Work Started Today 300 ON PETITION ROPER TO NEW Be Sold for Division BANQUET HELD To Bridge Across OF CLUB WOMEN On New Agriculture WANT EXTENSION AT CRESWELL Sound Staked Out IS HELD IN ROPER Building for County OF SCUPPERNONG LAND HALF DONE Before November 1

ry From Here by About **Twenty Miles**

Creswell.-Work continued today on the new road from the head of Zeb Vance Norman and C. L. Bailey the Newlands section near Cherry to Roper, with the assurance from workmen that it was about 40 per cent finished.

Roy T. Hopkins and his 25 men began a new work period Wednesday, when they entered the woods to continue their duty of clearing a right of way. This right of way is 94 feet wide, with a 34-foot road, the difference being used by an "A" canal to drain the road and the land adjoining.

J. W. (Bill) Casey and his small crew continue their work on the drag line dredging the canal alongside of the road and throwing the debris and soil that is suitable for enport, Pearl Phelps, Ethel Basthe purpose upon the road bed as night, Mattie Edwards and Marie a foundation for a top-soil surface. Carawan, asked that the deed of

On the other end of the road near trust Mrs. Davenport held be de-Roper, Carl Brey and his crew of clared invalid so that the property four men are working hard, mak- could be sold and divided without ing every effort possible to make as Mrs. Davenport claiming the sum much time as possible meeting the for the deed of trust. crew of Hopkins working from the Judge W. C. Harris has signed an Newland end in preparing a right order holding the deed of trust valof way.

straight. It was laid out by C. L. first \$1,250 over to Mrs. Davenport Cale, of Windsor, engineer who was to pay the claim she held and then paid by the Washington County she was to get a third of the surcommissioners, which is sponsoring plus as a widow's dower. the road, with the WPA providing the labor. It will cost the WPA was to be divided equally among about \$10,000 and the commissioners about \$2,000.

Progress has been retarded since enport was also to be in possession the beginning of the few days that of the property until December 30, the crew could work. Part of the 1936. She was to pay the taxes for time the roads and weather were so bad the workmen could not reach the profits. their place of work. Also the men would make only a certain amount of time during the month.

Imediately after the entrance of the Newland end of the road a swamp was encountered. Trees and underbrush were thick, and it took time to clear the way through here. 1,000 At Field Day When the drag line started to work here, it encountered a difficulty in finding soil suitable for the road bed

The dredge lacks about 300 yards or more finishing the swamp part of the first annual field day of the colthe road, then it will be able to ored schools of Washington County make almost double the time on the held in Roper Friday. Representaway to the Roper end. The soil will tives were there from Creswell, be more suitable for the road bed, Backwoods, Mount Delane, Maceand it will be easier to handle as donia and Roper.

Enjoyable; Interesting Favoring Claim of Mrs. Program Offered Davenport

Shuffling feet accentuated by the Prior to. November of this year, harmonious recurrence of the rasping voice of Hallet Chesson calling as commissioners for the Washingthe numbers at the old-time square ton County Superior Court, will sell certain property of the late Sanswhich the Juniors entertained the berry Davenport for division of the seniors of the Creswell High School are in the Skinnersville section. proceeds among the heirs, thus bringing to a close a hotly contested last Friday evening. ase.

The old folks present lined the Back in April, 1923, Mr. Davenwalls while they watched the young port executed a deed of trust to his sters stray from the popular round wife, Mrs. Mary J. Davenport, with dances of a modern age to hark back to the "good old days,' when Z. V. Norman as trustee for \$1,250, against a certain plot of ground. Mr. father and mother tripped the light fantastic. Some of them watched Davenport died March 15, 1935, and his widow was made administratheir own sons and daughters do the steps they knew so well in their trix of his estate.

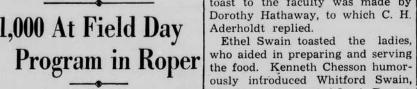
Other heirs, including Janie Davmemories. Not many oldsters were there But then a banquet means work, and so the women of the parentteacher association, including Mesdames J. W. Starr, Clyde Smithson and Edgar S. Woodley were there. Smartly frocked waitresses, including Mary Nooney, Lula Mae Dav-

enoprt, Roxie Furlaugh, and Christine Snell, served the food. Around the banquet table sat 19 id, instructing the commissioners to seniors and 14 juniors, with Betty

The course of the road is fairly sell the property and to turn the Jo Davenport, class mascot, the 3year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. (Mike) Davenport, jr., and her mother; Principal C. H. Aderholdt; Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Para-The remainder of the proceeds

more, Plymouth; Louis Davenport, musician; Miss Mary Frances Misthe heirs and legal representatives enheimer; Mrs. C. H. Tucker, grade of Sansberry Davenport. Mrs. Davmother for the seventh grade; and faculty members, bringing the total number to 40. The welcome address was made the last two years and to retain by Josephine Davenport, president of the junior class, to which Mamie

It was allege dthat the property Davenport, president of the senior class, responded. Jewel Davenport was worth close to at least \$5,000 and that the mortgage covered the made a toast to the seniors, with home place of Mr. Davenport.



who in turn presented Louis Daven-More than 1,000 people attended The junior and senior songs were sung A toast was made to the mascot by

there will not be so many tough An original one-act play, written on a skit. Mr. Aderholdt teaches Even though they can't have a Grimesland, president of the State to Plymouth each year for years. by some supposed to be only an alby Dorothea Freeman, a senior, and the juniors, while Mrs. A. S. Holmes school they are anxious to have the As soon as the dredge completes directed by C. M. Rouson, English Hopkins served as pianist. Class colors, blue and gold preplates and spirea, azaleas, and snow Favors were graduation ployees. touch. caps filled with salted nuts and

Shortens Distance To Cher- Judge Harris Signs Order Annual Event Last Friday Two Lines of Stakes Driv- Green Woman Is Principal Located Between Central Proposed Project Would en in Skinnersville Speaker at Event Held This Week Section

> Surveyors for the North Carolina "Don't let a slick-tongued orator Department of Highway and Pub- persuade you with rosy promises of agricultural building for Washinglic Works Commission have laid out two plans of approach to a bridge fice," said Mrs. J. H. B. Moore, of the site between the courthouse and dance, climaxed the gala affair in to cross the Albemarle Sound. The Greenville, president of the Green- the Central Garage. It will be 58 stakes are there for evidence. Both One strikes a course from Wood- School auditorium near here at the ing 250 people and rest rooms for

ley's store on Highway No. 64 to semi-annual meeting yesterday of men and women. Frank Tetterton's place, thence to the Washington County Federation the edge of the sound to Barber's of Women's Clubs. land, while the second leaves High-

"Remember there is a legislature way No. 64 between Plymouth and in this state, and no individual can Columbia near the Halsey place, do so much, no matter to which ofthence to Newberry Lane and on to fice he aspires. Study the candithe sound. dates and consider the issues fairly.

This is supposed to be the nar- Consider your citizenship and acrowest part of the sound. The dis- cept the privilege and responsibiltance from the highway to the ity seriously. And let your citizensound is only about four miles. It ship help you make the country betis not known what course the sur- ter. veyors used in crossing the sound. "Help the country by promoting

This may be for estimating purposes peace. The United States is spend-The usual idea is that the bridge ing more on their army and navy would come out for an approach now than at any peace time. Hatnear Edenton.

ing war does not do away with it. Become active. Though the United Petition Asks Use States, is not in any immediate danger of war we should bring pressure on our legislators to strive fo peace and oppose war.

> "The next war will not only see our sons and fathers and husbands victims, but the innocent will suf-

> must actively assert ourselves. Study peace with the idea of striving for peace. Spread the propaganda of

getting us into another war," plead-

here Monday, asking the officials ed the music. Rev. W. Watson, pas-Louis Alligood respondsing. The to passing resolutions tending to tor of the Roper Methodist church, auditorium Tuesday evening, May toast to the faculty was made by help them retain the use of their led the devotionals. Mrs. F. D. Wil- 12, at 8 o'clock, it was announced might be worked out or the present

> property appropriated from the C. McGowan, of Plymouth, spoke on with delightful songs, recitations Norfolk Southern Railroad Com-"Amateur Gardens."

pany to be used for school purposes. This school term the children from port, who provided string music. that section rode into Plymouth on that section rode into Plymouth on busses to attend school (when the E. Davenport, Mackeys, gave a

Florence Leitchfield. Jokes building is not used any longer for ganization, presided in the absence Swain and Nita Mae Tarkenton put revert to the railroad company.

Courthouse Work started today on a 10,000 what he will do if elected to an of- ton County. It will be located on of the board of education and other ville Federation of Women's Clubs, by 70 feet. There are to be six of- Washington County, asking the exto 400 women in the Roper High fices and an assembly room seat-

Garage and County

A filing vault will be included also. The structure will be of brick veneer, the same color of brick used as is now in the courthouse. It

ment will be included to house the boiler for the heating system. The rooms will be for the county agent, assistant county agent, secretarial worker, home agent, assistant home agent, a laboratory and conference room. The building will be well ventilated. The WPA and the county are standing the expense. W. O. Pratt, project supervisor of this district, from Elizabeth City, was here today aiding in securing the measurements and planning the preliminary work before actual excavations begin.

Oxford Orphanage

In the High School

Auditorium

Drain 10,000 Acres of Farm Land More than 300 names with those

of the commissioners and members officials heading the list, are on a petition that is being passed in

The petition asks the national gov ernment, through its agencies, to open or dredge Scuppernong River from Phelps Bridge to where it crosses the Newland road, a point will have a brick foundation. A base road, and also to whether the north which is known as the Bull Pond ern branch crosses the Backwoods road.

> This petition is addressed to Congressman Lindsay Warren, and as soon as enough names are secured it will be taken to him by a delegation of men who are interested in the project, which includes Lloyd Horton, Stewart J. Woodley, and J. Eddie Davenport, J. W. Darden, Matthew Sawyer, and others.

This project would drain water from more than 10,000 acres of fertile farm land. The people living in that section are annoyed by mosquitoes that thrive in the stagnant water that backs up in their creeks, yards and farm land. They are Singing Class To Be

The land in that section is very flat and undrained. Many of the count of the insects that are natur-Will Give Annual Concert ally prevalent in an area that is not properly drained. This drainage would also aid the roads in that section so that traffic for vehicles would be better.

> In rainy periods the school busses can hardly pass. This new drainage would help keep the roads in better conditions so that a new system or routes for school trucks routes made more serviceable

The program will be featured Pair Ferrets Owned and drills with colorful costumes Miss Ethel Nice, Greenville, home and good music. Included on the By Creswell Citizen

Possession of the only ferrets in this section is claimed by H. C. Clif ton near Creswell.

He has a male and female of this species of animal. It is a small ac-

Of Old School for **Community House** Wenona Citizens Request fer from the poison gas and other modern methods of warfare. We Here Tuesday, 12th flat and undrained. Many of the people suffer from malaria on ac-Board Education to Pass

Necessary Resolution A pettiion carrying a large num-

ber of names of the people in the keep the "money-hungry men" from Wenona section of this county will be presented to the Washington ed the speaker as the women ap-County Commissioners and the plauded.

Board of Education, which meets abandoned school building for community purposes. This building was

erected on of Cool Springs, responded. Mrs.

Kidd and "Let's Bel the Cat." L. roads permitted). The people in "Ghost Reading." Mrs. C. N. Dav- W. Alderman will be with the class that section think that when the enport, sr., vice president of the or- and will meet his friends here. For more than 50 years the singwere told by Ethel Swain. Ashley the original purpose the land will of Mrs. W. H. Harrison. With Mrs. ing class has made annual tours all Moore was Mrs. J. Brooks Tucker, over North Carolina and has been tive animal of the weasel family,

peace. Everything must be done to The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage, under the direction of Mrs. Sadie T. Hutchinson, includ-

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Aiken providing 14 boys and girls, will give a concert in Plymouth High School son, of the Roper Club, welcomed today by Frank C. Spruill, secrethe visitors, while Mrs. Sam Lucas. tary of Perseverance Lodge here.

demonstration agent of Pitt Coun- | program will be scenes of China boys, the chapel choir, Captain

roots.

its work of laying the road bed and teacher, was given by the senior cutting the canal alongside of the class of Roper. Alice Basnight dedroad, then it will be only a matter icated the school song to Principal of a short time until the topsoil will J. J. Clemmons. Supt. and Mrs. H. be scattered on the road to be lev-eled and packed for traffic to start. H. McLean were present. Attorney P. H. Bell crowned An-

The dredge has about 2 1-2 miles nie Louise Fuller, of the Backwoods to go, while the crew clearing the schools as 1936 queen of Field Day. right of way has only about a mile Dr. L. S. Mitchell also was a speakto go to get to the Loper end. The er. B. G. O'Brien and Charles Midrainage will be cut into district zelle were judges in outdoor activi-No. 5. The canal along the side of ties. Mrs. Pearl Mizelle, Hattie Bell To Compete in the road will aid in draining a large and Ardie Blount judged the art exterritory in that section also. hibits.

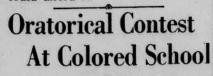
The foad will cost upwards of Roper won the literary program \$12,000 in round figures. The dredg- with 15 points against 8 points for ing operations, including the ma- Mount Delane, which trailed. Creschine and the operator costs \$7 an well won first place in singing; Rophour, while the WPA provides the er was first with 15 points and Crescrew of two assistants. As many well second with 11 points in the

as 45 men have been employed at outdoor activities. one time. The WPA has not dropped a single man. Most of them stopped to pursue their own jobs.

Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Brey and Mr. Casey, dredge operator, are losing no time in rushing along as fast as conditions will permit, so that the job will be completed some time this summer, and that the 300 families living in that section may have an outlet.

It is nine miles to Roper from Plymouth, seven miles to Newland and three miles from there to Cherry, making it a total of 19 miles from Plymouth to Cherry through the new road while over the highway through Creswell to Cherry is more than 40 miles.

The people up in that section are so eager for the new roads that H. S. Phelps gave a right of way off of his field for the road, while the John L. Roper Lumber Company contributed a right of way through their timberland and J. Eddie Davenport is so interested is almost willing to contribute money if he could afford it.



sponsored by the athletic association from the diseased area should be the Beacon passes along the infor-School on May 6. Speakers are stroyed. Where mosaic plants have the last Monday in each month. Hope Basnight, Ida Cooper, Willie been handled the hands should be The next clinic is scheduled for Spruill, Odessa Hedgepeth, Beatrice washed in a weak disinfecting so- May 25. Those knowing cripples Theatre in a program of the Profes-Gee, E. Garrett, Hilton Bateman, lution and the clothes changed in wishing to attend should communi-

the disease.

Wynn.

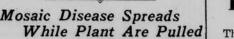
mints. **Picture Contest**

Katherine Midgett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Midgett and Mary Sallinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Sallinger, will be in Raleigh Saturday to compete in the

state picture memory contest sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club gold rush, which is being offered **Egg-Eating Hens** division of the North Carolina Fed- by the New Theatre on Sunday, Are Hard To Cure eration of Women's Clubs. They were chosen to represent this district of 10 counties in a con-

test held here last week. Girls from stands out as the finest of his ca-Egg eating is usually acquired by Plymouth who entered the district birds in the flock and starts by an contest were Mary Sallinger, Milegg being broken in the nest. If dred Dudley, in high school, and you can pick out the bird or birds Mary Charlotte Jones and Katherthat have formed this habit, they ine Midgett in grammar grades. Miss Elizabeth Davidson, Mrs. should be taken from the flock and sold as there is no way of breaking Frank O. Bateman, and Miss Emthem of the vice. If the whole ily Brinkley have been teaching this flock is eating eggs there is ap- work for some time in the Plym-

parently an insufficient amount of outh schools. mineral matter in the ration and the trouble can be corrected by bal-ancing the diet and adding the Orthopedic Clinic necessary minerals.



ducted its regular orthopedic clinic Mosaic or "wallon" in tobacco is last Monday, beginning at 1 o'clock commonly spread while pulling in the Presbyterian Sunday school plants, especially if the diseased building there. The club is anx and healthy plants are handled a- jous to reach all unfortunate criplike. Where the disease appears in ples who are unable to pay for treat the plant bed all healthy plants ment.

within one foot of those showing Usually the notices of these meetsigns of the disease should not be ings always reach the Beacon too wood to crash the movies, has made touched until all healthy plants are late or are crowded out before the the grade in a small way. She was by the United States supreme court.

An oratorical contest will be pulled. Following this all plants clinics are held, and so this week in "The Follie of 1936" and has been of Washington County Training removed from the beds and de- mation that these clinics are held Great Ziegfeld."

pare to attend.

teaches the seniors. Mrs. Royt T. building for public assembly, Sun- Clubs and Mrs. Chester Harris, of day school, home demonstration Greenville.

club meetings and any other comdominated in the color scheme with munity interests. It is understood blue and gold napkins, candles, now that the Blackland Experiment Station in Wenona is using the balls provided the spring flower building to house one of their em-

It is expected that a delegation will be here to visit the county officials and present their petition. F. F. Hartung is among those who are opposed to the use of the building privately.

Feature Programs

At Local Theatre

"The Call of the Wild," Jack Lon-

don's immortal story of the Yukon

will become their property. They already have one. They had 47 members enrolled, 14 new members, lost only one member, 100 per cent attendance since October, and 45 members were present at the convention.

> W. C. Manning, of Williamston, editor of the Roanoke Beacon, was to have presented the trophy, but wired his regret of his absence on



May 3, affords Clark Gable a real Charles Oliver, son of Mr. and he-man role and Clark's work as a Mrs. Deward Oliver, of near Cherry handsome swashbuckling prospector in the Newland section of Washinghand and six toes on each foot. His Loretta Young is believable and beautiful as the sheltered society

woman who casts her lot with Clark grow off of his little fingers and the in the soil program, according to and his buddy, Jack Oakie, when extra toes project from his little information given Mr. James. her husband is lost in the Arctic toes.

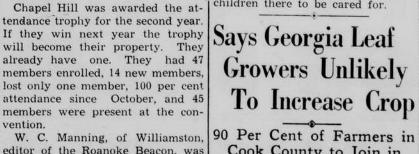
wastes. The story is good and the J. F. Gurganus, of near Plymouth, Then there is "Dark Angel" for However, his extra finger grows out Monday and Tuesday, featuring Frederic March, Merle Oberon, and Herbert Marshall. This is a powerhave nails but usually they are ful and beautiful love story set in stunted and small.

the rural part of England. She

loves one and the other loves her. **Tobacco Tax Money Returned** by Court Priscilla Lyon in

> A total of \$575.35 has been paid to Mrs. Sadie F. Alexander here by attorneys for A. L. Alexander, who left here several months ago. This

Federation of Home Demonstration The orphanage has been operating for 62 years and Washington has to the United States from Africa been among the counties sending because of its value as a rodent dechildren there to be cared for



Cook County to Join in Conservation Plan

Reports on the tobacco situation in the Georgia section are now considered very encouraging, accord ing to Buck James, Robersonville man, who returned from the tobacco sections of that state this week. Fingers and Toes Co sections of that state this week. The most encouraging feature of the report is that there are indications the Georgia farmers will plant no

more than a normal crop, that the farmers are planning to cooperate in the soil conservation program to ton County, has six fingers on each a larger extent than many ever expected. One large tobacco-producparents have the usual number of ing county, Cook, has signed 90 per fingers and toes. The extra fingers cent of its farmers for participation Number of Cases

A few days ago it was estimated that about 60 per cent of the Georhas six fingers on one of his hands. gia crop had been transplanted. Blue mold is causing a shortage in from his thumb and resembles a plants, but the damage was not dethumb. These extra fingers and toes scribed as serious, and it is believed E. Phelps, was charged with assault a normal crop will be possible there

this year. The acreage will be about the same as it was last season, Mr. James believes.

Amount of Manure For Home Garden

money was returned to Mr. Alex- plot, but on soils of average fer- months on roads, suspended upon ander after the AAA had been killed tility, about 10 two-horse wagon payment of costs as to both. loads should be used to the acre. This was Mr. Alexander's part of One load, therefore, would cover a charged with assaulting Mrs. W .H. the tobacco tax money that he had space approximately 50 by 100 feet. Harrell, of Creswell, or hit-and-run paid under protest during the Agri- Be sure that the manure is well rot- driving, when a truck he was drivcultural Adjustment Administra- ted before applying. Where it is ing sideswiped the Harrell car on tion regime. The attorneys paid it desirable to use a combination of April 16. He was under \$500 bond,

to C. V. W. Ausbon, clerk of the manure and superphosphate for the signed by Henry Harrison, Williamsional Arts Troupers. She sang the court. Since Mr. Alexander was garden soil the 10 loads of manure ston. He agreed to repair the Har-George Gaylord, I. Hyman and S. order to prevent further spread of cate with the Rotary Club and pre- theme song and introduced two oth- not here to claim it, the court or- should be supplemented with from rell car and pay for costs of the dered it paid to Mrs. Alexander. two to three bags of superphosphate court.

bino polecat. The ferret was brought stroyer.

It has a pointed head, reddish eyes and small ears; its body is long and slender, its legs short with very sharp strong claws; the tail short and furry. It is of the black-foot variety which abounds in the Platte River section of the United States. It has a particular zeal in killing mice, rabbits, chickens, turkeys and geese. It is said to kill the rodents and draw the blood from its veins, which is relished by the ferret. Like many animals, as soon as its appetite is appeased it is lazy.

The ferrets are being domesticated by Mr. Clifton. He imported them from Ohio and already has orders for some of their progeny. He is using the animals to rid his farm, corncribs and the like of rats. Even now Mr. Clifton can handle them.

They have been known to be used by hunters. They trail rabbits and such small animals. If a rabbit runs into a den then the ferret either forces the animal out of its hiding place or slays it.

Tried by Recorder

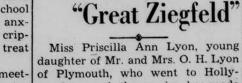
Recorder's court activities:

W. Elmer Phelps, 41, white, farming his wife, Jude Phelps, with a pistol and being drunk and disorderly. Found not guilty.

Vernon Webb, alias Buster Webb, 21, colored, laborer, not guilty of "failing and refusing to support his wife and two children.'

Matthew Spruill, 20, colored, laborer, and Ernest Lanier, 22, col-The amount of manure to be ap- ored, laborer, charged with impropplied to the home garden plot of er brakes on trailer, no driving percourse depends upon the size of the mit and no license tags on car. Two

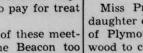
Walter Jones, 25, white, laborer,



See which she gets.

chosen for a juvenile role in "The She recently appeared six times

on the stage in the Ambassador



reer.

acting superb.

er numbers.

Held Last Monday The Tarboro Rotary Club con-