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Losses On Cotton Crop This Season

Yield Will Be Generally Poor in Washington County; Price Down

Many Washington county farmers about to begin picking cotton expect losses this season, a few expect to break even, and hardly any hope to make any money.

This places Washington county growers at a great disadvantage because of the fact that their crop is relatively small and not of very good quality.

The costs of production, on the other hand, have been greater this year because of the fact that the first seeds came up late, and it was necessary for many farmers to re plant this year.

The first seeds were for the most part of better quality than those used for the second planting, as they had come from the best staple cotton, whereas at the time of the second planting there were only inferior seeds available for purchase.

As the result of the early dry spell and the latter excessive rain, this year's cotton yield is expected to be from 20 to 30 per cent below last year's in spite of the fact that acreage planted in the county is estimated at from 15 to 20 per cent

The outlook for peanuts, however, is believed somewhat more hopeful following announcement that the government will come to the aid of peanut growers with a purchasing program intended to divert into other channels much of the overproduction which would other wise hold down the price.

It is expected that peanut digging will begin by the last of September and while there is still considerable difference of opinion as to what the size of the crop will be, it is generally believed it will be fair.

Many farmers look for some profit, even though small from their peanuts this season. But it is believed the price will probably not be much above three and a half cents

IT ISN'T **NEWS BUT-**

It Really Happened

Plymouth- A very hungry snake of the moccasin variety tried to swallow a cat fish in the Roanoke River. The catfish had no intention the splices which were made to reof being swallowed, and extended its fins in such a way that the snake could neither get it down, nor cough

The two were found splashing about in the shallow water near the American Fork and Hoe Company, the fish's head extending out of the snake's mouth. The snake was all of five feet long and the fish at least a foot in size.

A Lot of Work

Atlanta- The government forecasts a cotton crop of at least 16,-098,000 bales this season. And this means that cotton pickers will have to pluck one trillion, three hunderd and sixty-eight billion, three hundred and thirty million bolls before the harvest is completed.

This calculation is based on the Roper Parent-Teacher premise that it takes 170 mature bolls of botton to make a pound of lint at the gin. There are 500 pounds to a bale, and 85,000 bolls are therefore needed to make one bale.

It Sounds Fishy

Professor James Gray, distinguished zoologist of Cambridge Uni- Poole. versity, is quoted as saying: "In all There will be a reception for the fish is the same as that of man."

It's Grounds for Divorce

Judge Robert M. Toms to grant him a divorce "I bought my wife an electric been reelected, Mr. Poole said. sewing machine to make her work

easier," he testified. "She didn't know how to run the Next Parent-Teacher machine, so I showed her by making

"The first thing I knew, I was making all her dresses.

"Well, I still didn't catch on, so I bought her some electric cooking outh High School Auditorium. All equipment. From then on, I did all men who are interested in the school the cooking. She tired herself all are urged to be present. out telling me how tired she felt. Then, Your Honor, I bought her new window shades for the high

a washing machine . . .' His Honor interrupted: "I know what happened next -

Divorce is granted."

Many Farmers Face City Fire Siren Cuts Loose Here Last Tuesday and Keeps Right on Blowing

Plymouth fire siren on Tuesday water pump. norning. It wasn't that it would not blow—quite the contrary—it wouldn't city clerk could get lights in his of-

When Chief of Police P. W. Brown pushed the button to sound the usual morning blast, instead of the regular low whine, the siren let loose a fullsized whoop that brought members of the volunteer department running from bathrooms and breakfast tables.

The chief greeted them at the door With the size of this year's crop of the municipal building with a puz- trician now employed at the pulp considerably larger than that of a zled expression and explained that mill, was borrowed from the mill by year ago taking the country as a the only way to stop the noise was Chief Brown to look into the matter. whole, the price is off several cents to throw off the main switch. And and worked several hours before fixthat cut off all the current to the city ing it.

Something went wrong with the office, the fire station, and the town So that all day, the only way the

fice was to turn on the fire sirenhe went without lights, and there was no water pumped.

One of the first on the scene when the siren began to blow was Casey Jones, telephone technician. He examined the switch and the relay coils but could not discover what was

Later J. B. McNair, Plymouth elec-

But Four Old-Age Aid Checks Received Here

SCOUTS AID

Plymouth Boy Scouts are now cooperating with State Trooper Tom Brown in a campaign to prevent accidents on the highways, especially at night.

Patrolman Brown, who was assistant scoutmaster in Washington before coming here, spoke to the boys at their meeting last Friday night and asked them to work with him.

He emphasized the danger of riding bicycles after dark without carrying a light of some sort, as required by law, and the Scouts all pledged their support in helping him stop this here. They promised that they would carry flashlights themselves and try to get other boys to do like-

Telephone Cable Installation Here Nearly Completed

Improved Phone Service Expected as Result; New Directories Ready Soon

cable to replace the one which has often necessary to look up old tombbeen serving Plymouth for nearly a quarter century, and possibly longer, is nearly completed, it was an-

The old cable had been a target for so many rifle shots that it was in bad condition, according to Casey Jones, Telephone & Telegraph Co.

It is an actual fact, he says, that innumerable .22 caliber bullets have many years. been fired at the line, and some of pair the damage done have been causing much trouble.

About three months ago, probably due to warm weather, it is believed, making necessary its complete replacement.

Listings of Plymouth telephone subscribers have been nearly completed, and within a day or two it is expected that the corrected list of the work of investigation alone in

The directory will be ready for use in about a month, it is believed. It will list approximately 165 Plymouth phones, probably the largest number in the history of the community.

Association To Meet

The first fall meeting of the Roper Parent-Teacher Association will be ent H. H. McLean as principal speaker, according to Principal D. E.

its essential parts, the brain of the 14 teachers, and it is hoped that as many as possible of the parents will be present. "I should like to see at least 300 fathers and mothers come Detroit— Robert G. Davis asked to this first meeting," Mr. Poole said. Mrs. Ordie Blount, who was president of the association last year, has

Meeting Date Is Set

The October meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held the second Monday night in the Plym-

This association is planning to buy school building at an early date.

Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health physician, will be the speaker at the October meeting.

Vast Amount Work Involved In Verifying Statements; **Approve 40 Applicants**

Slow in Checking

Benefit Requests

Officials Must Go

Only four old-age assistance checks have been received up to this time by residents of Washington County who have applied for aid, although the law granting such assistance has been in operation since the first of

As a result there has been much criticism of the administration of the law by aged persons who have requested aid but failed to receive any

The delay of two and a half months from July to the present time was unavoidable, however, according to Miss Ursula Bateman, coutny wel-

It is necessary to make a thorough investigation of every applicant and to verify all statements as to age and need carefully in order that there may be no fossible fraudulent claims

Difficult Task This is a very difficult task in many cases, she explained. Many old people are unable to produce any records that will satisfactorily establish the date of their births, and it is stones, hunt for ancient family Bibles

One old colored woman from Roper, tober. for example, was finally able to establish her age by means of a Bible in which were recorded births as far back as 1740. Only a few pages of local service man for the Carolina the Book still remain, and these are wrinkled and torn. No new births have been entered in the Book for

Tombstones Help

Another colored woman from Roper claimed to be 100 years old, and this was finally found to be correct after the date on the tombstone of a woman who had been known to have the cable began to grow rapidly worse said she was the same age was checked.

Approximately 112 applications have been made so far for old-age assistance, and as it was found impossible for Miss Bateman to do all names and phone numbers will be addition to her parole work and gensent away for publication in the new eral welfare duties, Mrs. Sybil Bowen has been made her assistant.

Of the 112 applications received, 40 or more will have been approved by the end of the week, Miss Bateman said, and money should soon be coming through for these people.

In addition to the old-age benefits there is now provision in the law for aid to the blind and aid to dependent children. Five applications have been received from blind persons, and all of these have been approved. Twelve applications have been made in beheld next Tuesday evening in the half of dependent and needy chilschool auditorium, with Superintend- dren, and so far one check has been received.

The Law Explained "I should like the public to have a better understanding of these laws," Miss Bateman said, in discussing her

"Funds for old-age assistance are provided half by the Federal Government, one-fourth by the state, and one-fourth by the county. The same is true of aid to children. Funds for the blind are paid on the basis of one-third by the Federal, one-third by the state, and one-third

by the county governments. "To be eligible for old-age assistance a person must be: 65 years of age or over; a citizen of the United States; must not have sufficient income or resources to live decently; must not be an inmate of any public institution or be receiving public aid; and must have been living in the state at least five of the nine years

preceding application. "No assistance can be given where a person has transferred property for

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New Police Radio To Link Plymouth With Entire State

To Be Ready for Tests This Week-End; Local Police May Be Equipped Also

Plymouth will soon be linked with he most remote sections of the state in a police radio network now being installed as part of the fight to prevent crime and capture criminals.

State Highway Patrolman Tom Brown went to Raleigh this week and stallation of a powerful, compact, little receiving set.

With it he will be able to pick up messages from the five police broadcasting stations in the state, and when it is necessary for him to send out a message from Plymouth, he will be able to reach officers everywhere by phoning Williamston and having it broadcast from there.

It is expected that the set will be eady for tests by Saturday and in operation next week.

Receivers of the special type used cost nearly \$100 installed. They are kept running all day, and can be tuned only to the police wave length. Special generators have to be installed in the police cars to furnish the current needed to keep them in City Asked To Provide Lunchconstant operation.

It is expected that city and county afficers in many communities will have similar sets installed in their machines in order to cooperate more fully with the state police force.

Radios are also to be installed on the state police motorcycles, which will mean more than 200 sets in all, as there are 100 patrol cars and 103

It is expected that Plymouth poice will have a "Black Mariah" within a few months if it is possible to raise the necessary money, and this will undoubtedly be radio equipped, it

Plans for Women's Fall Federation Are Going. Ahead

Miss Misenheimer Looks for One of Best Meetings in Organization's History

Members of the Washington County home demonstration clubs are hard at work on plans for their fall federation, to be held either the ernor's Hospitality Committee, is exand consult officials of distant counlatter part of this month or in Oc- pected to arrive in Plymouth Satur-

> yet known, but several are under consideration, and Miss Mary F. Misenheimer is trying hard to get one in him some assurance when he comes particular

Each club member will have an exhibit of some of her work; either clothing, fancy work, canning, food preparation, or some other type of

handicraft. One of the features of the program this fall will be the chorus, which has recently been organized among the

"I believe this will be one of the tribute toward the cost of the lunch- the fire from spreading to other nearmost interesting meetings in the his- eon tory of our Federation," Miss Misenneimer said today

who will be in charge of the meeting are: Mrs. George Bowen, president: Mrs. Kitty Norman, vice president; C. Lewis Herschel, of the Washington men quickly extinguished these, how-Mrs. Edison Davenport, secretary; and Ms. F. D. Wilson, treasurer.

Several Under Suspicion In \$80 Theft at Store

Several persons are under suspicion in connection with the theft of \$80 from the store of Crawford Bern, proceeding to Washington, and charred wood remains of the man, Miss Martha Hornthal, and Lamb in Plymouth Sunday, according to Chief of Police P. W. Brown. The money had been hidden in a

box under the counter, but the door directly from Williamston to Windwas able to walk directly into the then to Manteo and back to Eliza-

Mr. Lamb was in the store in the trip. norning and said that the money was all right at that time. When he Roper Revival Series Ends returned in the afternoon it was

TO MOVE LIBRARY

Mrs. Clarence Ayers, new president of the Thursday Afternoon Literary Club, is busy making preparations for the moving of the Plymouth Public Library from the courthouse basement unstairs into the room formerly used by Miss Mary F. Misenheimer, home agent.

Mrs. Ayers took over the duties of president at the last meeting of the club a week ago at the home of Mrs. H. A. Blount WPA workers are to repair 300

of the library books this fall, it

County Home and Farm Agents Move Into Agricultural Building This Week

at last been completed, and County this time. Agent W. V. Hays and Home Agent The courthouse now has a new jan Mary Frances Misenheimer are get- itor, Sam Dixon, 31, of Plymouth ting established in their new quar- who was appointed to take the place

nouse last Friday, but required near- missioners. shelves of the new offices.

located in the courthouse basement, office, and a committee room for his the Building and Loan Association is to be moved up into the room va- used. left his cruising car there for the in- cated by Miss Misenheimer, and Mrs. The home agent has the same used by Mr. Hays. She has been room

The new Agricultural Building has | located at the county home up to

of J. H. Hamilton, who resigned at They moved out of the old court- the last meeting of the county com-

ly a week to get their books, records, In the new agricultural building, and farm literature arranged on the there is an auditorium large enough to seat about 200 people, a general The public library, which has been office for the county agent, a private

Ursula Bateman, county welfare of- amount of space with an office, a ficer, will occupy the office formerly laboratory kitchen and a conference

Itinerary of Publicity Party Includes Town

State Committee **Plans To Conduct Tour To Plymouth**

eon for Party of Nearly 100 Visiting Publicists

Plymouth will entertain a party of nearly 100 newspapermen, feature writers, and travel bureau managers next month, if the necessary arrangements can be made

As part of the North Carolina program for resort and industrial advertising there is to be a grand tour of the state by representatives of leading newspapers, magazines, and trav-

As originally planned, the itinerary did not include Plymouth, but at a meeting of the Lions Club several weeks ago, Roy Hampton was asked to contact the tour committee and attempt to have the itinerary

In doing so, he pointed out the importance of Plymouth as a growing industrial center and the interest it is attracting as the site of a \$3,000. 000 pulp mill.

As a result the committee is now prepared to make a change in its plans in order that the party may stop here, provided that Plymouth will entertain the party for luncheon. Ed Pickard, secretary of the Gov-

day on a preliminary trip to deterwork out. "I hope it will be possible to give today.

today. tire county will be enormous if these wrong. writers and travel experts visit Plym-

He plans to bring the matter before the Lions Club at its next meet- that nothing inside could be saved. ing and may suggest that the coun-

Included in the party will be Ted general alarm. Gill, editor of the Associated Press: the Na ional Sportsman Magazine; and also broke into flames. The fire-Post; E. Jenkins, of the American ever. Automobile Association; Nelson A. Loomis, chief of the U.S. Tourist Buportation" and of "House Beautiful." badly damaged, but not beyond re-

The tour will begin at Asheville and pair. on the eleventh day will reach New to Plymouth—if this city is included.

The original plan was to have gone was left unlocked so that the thief sor, Edenton, and Elizabeth City, Plymouth Masons Will beth City for the conclusion of the

Sunday With 6 Baptisms

Six persons were baptized at the revival meeting which closed in Roper Sunday night, with a sermon by the Rev. Edwin R. Hartz.

They are: John Rawls, Arthur Smith, Herman Gurkin, Elizabeth Trio Barely Escape Death Spruill, Thomas Ainsworth, and Terry Craddock. The Rev. W. J. Watson did the baptizing.

C. W. Owens Reported

C. W. Owens, 55, of East Main street, Plymouth, who has been very through the radiator. ill for the past week, was reported still in a serious condition today. Mr.

MASONS EAT WELL

It will be a long time before members of the Masonic lodge here forget the chicken dinner served by the American Legion Auxiliary last Thursday.

Approximately 60 were expected at the dinner, as the Perseverance lodge was entertaining the lodges of Washington, Beaufort and Hyde Counties.

But, for some reason or other. only about half the expected number showed up, and as a result all those who were present had a double helping of everything.

"The food was paid for once, and I can see no reason why we should attempt to sell it again," Mrs. W. C. Jones, president of the Auxiliary declared when asked why she did not sell what was left over instead of putting it on the plates of those who were present.

Cause of \$1,500 Fire Here Sunday Still Unsolved Mystery

10 Minutes Before Barn Was Reported in Flames Three Men Saw Nothing Wrong

Cause of the \$1,500 blaze which Vail on Third Street, Plymouth, early Sunday morning, remains a mystery

Scarcely 10 minutes before the fire that Plymouth will furnish the party was reported, County Coroner Jack with a luncheon," Mr. Hampton said Peele, Sheriff J. K. Reid, and Chief of Police P. W. Brown passed by the "The advertising value to the en- house without noticing anything

> But within a few minutes after the first alarm was given, the entire barn was ablaze and it was obvious to all Only the fact that it had been rain-

by buildings and possibly causing a So intense was the heat from the New officers of the organization, Myron Glaser, of the Washington blaze that the side of the Methodist Herald-Times; M. W. Burlingame, of parsonage next door was scorched

> The passenger car, which was destroyed, had been purchased by Mr. reau; George W. White, of Thomas Vail less than four months ago, and Cook & Sons; and representatives of had been driven barely 2,000 miles. the magazines "Travel and Trans- It was not insured. The truck was

Nothing but a pile of twisted iron then to Williamston, and from there Model T, and the bicycle, though badly burned, may be repaired, it is be-

Visit New Pulp Plant

Members of the Plymouth Masonic Lodge have been invited to inspect the new pulp mill as a group Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m.

The invitation was extended through Mr. Carroll, who is employed at the mill and has been attending lodge meeting here regularly since he came to Plymouth.

As Auto Crashes Bridge What might otherwise have been serious accident was averted when an automobile driven by Bassie Rhodes ran into the side of the up-Still In Serious Condition per river bridge near Cherry and was held from plunging into the river by a piece of steel which was rammed

Riding in the machine at the time were Will Halten and Will Comstalk, Owens is well known as an old resi- in addition to the driver. Rhodes dent of Plymouth and as a grocery was arrested on a charge of drunk-

Building And Loan To Elect Directors On Friday Evening

ESTABLISHED 1889

Meeting Wednesday Not Well Attended; 9 Men Nominated for Board

Nine men prominent in the business life of Plymouth have been cominated to serve as directors of now being organized.

Their names were submitted by a ominating committee at the meetng last night in the county courtnouse, but as only 23 persons were present, the election of directors was

It will now be held on Friday evening at the courthouse, after noices are sent to the 90 persons who ave subscribed to stock in the or-

The nine men nominated by the ommittee were: A. L. Owens, J. C. Tarkenton, E. H. Liverman, Z. V. Norman, E. F. Still, J. R. Manning, B. G. Campbell, W. W. Henderson, and Dr. W. H. Johnson.

In announcing the selections made by the committee Mr. Manning explained that they were made on the basis of the amount of stock owned by each. The men named all had subscribed to \$2,500 worth or more.

brought an immediate protest from Attorney Carl Bailey, who declared that the medium and small stockholders should also have representation on the board of directors. "We do not want to have the im-

This basis for the selection

pression go out that this is a case of pig hog eat little pig," he said. Attorney W. L. Whitley then proposed that the election be postponed because of the poor representation

at the meeting. There followed a protracted discussion of what night would be best, and finally Attorney Norman interrupted to ask that some decision be eached as soon as possible, adding:

"I've got to get home and put my feet to bed sometime tonight.' He referred to the foot injured in his recent automobile accident, which has only been out of the plaster cast for a few days.

There are now 90 stockholders in

the organization and 170 paid up shares, it was announced at the Among those present last night burned a barn, a new passenger car, were: J. C. Tarkenton, A. L. Owens, an old model T Ford, a heavy truck, C. L. Bailey, William Tetterton, H. H. McLean, S. D. Davis, Frank Spruill, G. W. Hardison, J. L. Hays, Z. V. Norman, J. R. Manning, J. W. Marrow, William Roebuck, B. G. Campbell, R. L. Tetterton, W. L. Whitley, Miss Agnes Davis and Mrs.

Harry Rogers. **Broadway Couple** Come to Plymouth

For Short Visit ty commissioners and the city coning a short while before prevented Harlee Bell and Joyce Arling Visit Several Well-Known

Local Families

Among the recent visitors to Plymouth are a couple whose names have glittered in the lights of Broadway for the past three years.

Joyce Arling. Bell played an important role in "Tobacco Road" and in "The Last Mile," and the two played together for three years in the stage production of "Boy Meets Girl." They came to Plymouth from Richmond, where they had been vacationing, and after visiting Z. Vance Nor-

They are Harlee Bell and his wife,

way. Mr. Bell is a native of Suf-Two School Heads Urge Attendance

Mrs. Z. G. Lyon here they returned

to Richmond. This fall they are

scheduled to appear again on Broad-

Roper and Plymouth Principals Says Results So Far Disappointing

It is very important that parents see to it that their children attend school regularly, Principal R. B. Trotman, of the Plymouth High School, declared this week

"I cannot too strongly emphasize the need for regular attendance." added D. E. Poole, principal of the Roper School. There is a possibility that the state

may allot an additional teacher to

each of these schools if the attendance holds up as it should, but so far this year it has been disappointing. A very large percentage of the failures made by school children are due to the fact that they do not attend regularly, according to Mr. Trotman and Mr. Poole.