

## 69 Unemployed File Claims for Benefits Here Last Tuesday

Brings Total Since First of Year Up To 200; Expect Checks in Two Weeks

Sixty-nine persons were interviewed here Tuesday of this week by J. W. Peel, of the Williamston branch of the North Carolina Employment Service, to determine their eligibility for unemployment compensation.

During the first week of January there were six adjudged eligible for compensation, and their checks will range from \$5 to \$14 weekly. It is possible the six may receive a total of about \$60. Their checks should arrive in about two weeks.

Since the beginning of the service, there have been approximately 200 people interviewed in Washington County in regard to this compensation, and it now appears that about 50 will receive some cash consideration.

If a person who has been employed for a year loses his job through no fault of his own the following year he may draw a maximum of 16 weeks' compensation, and the unemployment service is interviewing those who wish to cash in on this compensation.

A representative from the Williamston branch office will be in Plymouth every Tuesday to see those who wish to file claims for payments, and in case of emergency the representative will be on hand constantly.

## Tar Heel Farmers Completing Work On Shop at School

Now Seeking To Raise Funds For Equipment; Much Work Is Done

Members of the Young Tar Heel Farmers Club of the Plymouth High School are proud and happy that their new work shop is about completed, and they now need only the equipment to have a balanced vocational agriculture course at this school.

The new workshop building was formerly used by the WPA as a supply house while the county agriculture building was being erected. It was moved to the school grounds, and then abandoned. Later the young farm students came into possession of it.

The boys, with the help of their instructor, W. D. Starr, and H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction, began renovating the building. It is not finally completed, as some work must be done inside.

Approximately 18 feet were added to the length of the building and 12 windows installed. A tool room was built inside.

While working on the building, the boys learned the proper use and care of the tools, as well as getting instruction in building necessary articles and making repairs about the farm.

## Farm Measure Still in Stage of Uncertainty

County Farmers Go Ahead With Plans For New Crop Year

Outlook Is for Greatly Increased Acreages Unless Control Is Effected

With agricultural leaders in Washington hopeful that the conference report of the farm bill can be completed this week, the outlook for crop control this year grows brighter.

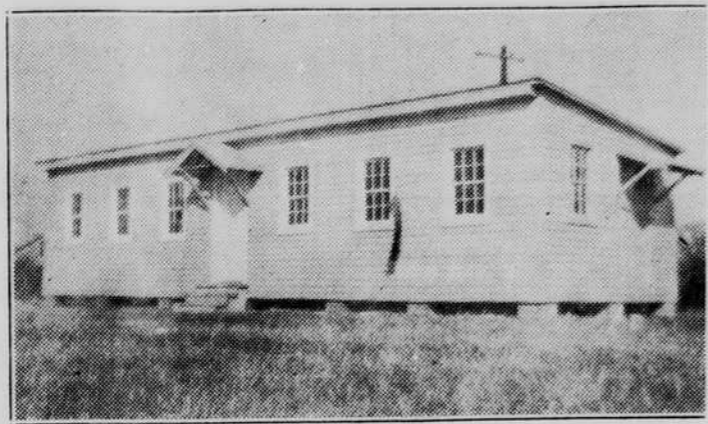
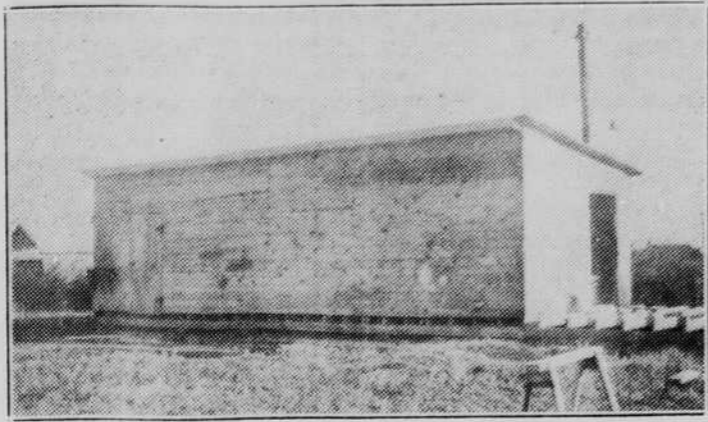
That some method of control is a necessity is reflected in the reports from various sections of the tobacco belt, where farmers are having seed cleaned and making preparations for sowing plant beds, showing that a greatly increased acreage is in prospect for this crop.

In Washington County, County Agent W. V. Hays stated this week that he had already cleaned five times as much tobacco seed as was cleaned altogether last year, and he stated it was his opinion that already more tobacco bed yardage had been sowed than there was in the county last season. He also pointed out that in 1937 it was nearly the middle of February before any of the beds were sown.

A great many farmers, however, are not planting the added beds in order to increase their acreage but for protection in case of heavy blue mold infestation, although a greatly increased crop is forecast for this county if some method of compulsory control is not adopted.

(Continue on page four)

## FARM SHOP AT SCHOOL HERE—BEFORE and AFTER



The top picture shows an abandoned building on the school premises here, while the bottom view shows the same building after it had been taken over by the agriculture students of the school and made into a modern farm shop. The original building was used by the WPA in the construction of the county agriculture building and was moved to its present location from the lot next to the courthouse. All the remodeling work was done by the agriculture students, who are now trying to raise money for equipping the new shop. W. D. Starr is the teacher.

## Await Orders To Start War on Slot Machines

### RUMORS UNFOUNDED

Rumors that the local unit of the American Fork & Hoe Co. would close down this week so far have proven to be baseless, as today operations continued at the plant.

The sawmill department has been closed for sometime, but the finishing plant is running as usual, according to Miss Ethel Arps, acting manager.

There seems to be little fear today that there will be any further reduction in schedule or curtailment in output this week.

### Funeral Wednesday for Charlie Harper Phelps

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the home for Charlie Harper Phelps, 62, who died at his home in the Pea Ridge section Tuesday morning as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

Interment took place in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Surviving is a widow, Mrs. Della Phelps, and one son, Jacob Phelps.

### CALL NEW MINISTER

Rev. Paul Nickens, of Durham, has been extended a call to the pastorate of the Plymouth Baptist Church, it was learned here today.

The church officials are awaiting a reply from the minister. He is a young married man and has been serving as assistant pastor of the Angier Avenue Baptist Church in Durham.

### Start Enforcement Sunday Hunting Law in February

Statute Does Not Bother Fishermen But Prohibits Sunday Hunting

Next Sunday is the last on which hunters may lawfully take to the forests and fields for their sport, according to instructions received by J. T. Terry game warden, from the state department.

Anyone found hunting on Sunday after February 1st will be prosecuted under the terms of a law dating back to 1919, when Sunday hunting was first outlawed. The law will be strictly enforced, it was announced.

This law refers to hunting only and not to fishing. Fishermen may enjoy their sport on any day during the open season.

In this connection, it was pointed out that the season closes on all game in this section February 15.

## Several Injured, One Seriously, in Series Week-End Accidents

J. S. Brown Suffers Bruises And Cuts; Several Cars Badly Damaged

Hundreds of dollars in damage was done to automobiles and one person was seriously injured, with others suffered from bruises and cuts, as a result of three automobile accidents that occurred near here over the past week-end.

J. S. Brown sustained bruises about the head and face, and one leg was cut and bruised when an automobile in which he was riding failed to make a curve in front of the home of J. J. Rogers here early Sunday morning. Caleb Simpson, driver of the car, escaped unhurt. Hubert Owens and Jack Williams, other passengers in the car, suffered minor cuts and bruises. It was reported that Simpson saw he could not make the curve and applied the brakes, causing the car to swerve into a tree.

Dr. Alban Papineau escaped without a scratch when his machine ran into a mule on the highway beyond Atamanchuk's service station Sunday night. The mule was killed.

It was reported that Edward Patrick struck the mule first and when the physician drove up the animal started across the highway in front of him. Dr. Papineau, seeing several cars stopped ahead of him, had slowed down when the mule darted in front of his machine, which was damaged badly in the collision. The mule was said to have belonged to the Phillip Ambrose estate.

Charles E. Brinn and Miss Laura Lou Lucius escaped unhurt when the car in which they were riding ran off the side of the pavement and turned over on its side near Roper last Friday night.

Damage to the Simpson car was estimated at about \$350, that to the Brinn car about \$150, and Dr. Papineau's car about \$100 or more.

## County Canvassed For Funds to Fight Infantile Paralysis

Campaign To Close Saturday Night; Postmaster Geo. Hardison in Charge

An extensive campaign to raise money for the Foundation To Fight Infantile Paralysis which has been conducted in Washington County for several days comes to a close Saturday night, it was announced today by George W. Hardison, county chairman.

Working under the supervision and with the aid of Mr. Hardison are the following community chairmen: Miss Martha Hornthal, Plymouth; Mrs. Perla Bray, Roper; Edgar Woodley, Creswell; Joe Cox, Mackeys.

These chairmen have been sent a founders' book of certificates that will be presented to each person who contributes \$1, 2, or \$5 in joining with Franklin D. Roosevelt as a founder of the national society.

Every year at this time the foundation will celebrate the birthday of the President, who himself was once a victim of infantile paralysis and who started an institution or endowed a hospital at Warm Springs, Ga.

Mr. Hardison urges everyone who can to give at least \$1 in helping to combat this disease.

### Local Lions Club Expects 100 Here Charter Night

Approximately 100 will attend the Lions Club charter night banquet here next Thursday, with Mack Jerinigan, of Dunn, district governor, as the principal speaker.

Present will be Lions and their ladies, with visitors from Williamston, Columbia, and Belhaven. Secretary N. A. Taylor said invitations had been issued and that replies were to be received soon.

## Man Is Killed While Dynamiting Stumps

A jury headed by Coroner Jack Peal Thursday morning found that Whit Sawyer, 35, died as the result of a crushed skull received when part a stump he was dynamiting struck him Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Sawyer was working on the farm of T. C. Holmes, near Creswell, when the accident occurred.

Dr. J. M. Phelps was called to attend the injured man, but Mr. Sawyer died before the physician reached him. Funeral arrangements could not be learned Thursday morning. It is understood that he is survived by a widow and several children.

### Miss Helen Duvall Resigns As County NYA Director

Miss Helene Duvall has tendered her resignation as director of the National Youth Administration for Washington and Tyrrell Counties, effective February 1.

It is understood that Mrs. Eliza Hampton is being mentioned as her successor in this work and that Mrs. Hampton is now in Asheville for instruction.

### Less Cotton Ginned So Far In County This Season

There were 1,357 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Washington County from the crop of 1937 prior to January 16, as compared with 1,416 bales ginned to the same date last year.

## January Term of Superior Court Is Ended Saturday

Several Night Sessions Held In Effort To Clear Civil Calendar

Judge Walter J. Bone and attaches of the Washington County Superior Court spared no efforts to clear the calendar during the past two weeks, and when court finally adjourned Saturday night at 9:30 the job had been practically done.

For the first time in years a superior court judge had ordered court held at night, and also continued the sessions on Saturdays until late in the day, which is just as unusual.

J. L. Halsey failed to receive anything at the hands of the jury in his suit for \$10,000 against Clara E. Snell. Halsey claimed that Mr. Snell agreed to remember him in his will if Halsey would not sue him as the result of an accident sustained while working with Snell. An appeal was noted.

By mutual consent of the two parties, signed in the presence of Judge Bone, the amount of damages awarded to W. A. Jackson from the Beaufort Bottling Works was reduced from \$7,500, as awarded by the jury, to \$5,000.

Nancy Coffey was given cash and a judgment of \$186.45 against Stewart Moore.

## 50 County Farmers Hear Arnold Talk At Meeting Friday

Outlines Farm Program and Prospects for Control Legislation

Fifty farmers from all sections of Washington County gathered in the courthouse here last Friday night and heard E. F. Arnold, secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, speak on agricultural problems.

Mr. Arnold outlined the general farm program as provided by the various different farm bills that have been introduced in Congress in an effort to aid the American farmers to stabilize the price of farm commodities.

The speaker also gave information on the efforts made by the Farm Bureau and farmers in general to get the compulsory crop control bill through Congress, and which he believed will result.

County Agent W. V. Hays also talked briefly and answered questions about the current program and told what the officials expect in this respect.

Edward O'Neal, who spoke in Wind sor Thursday, could not be here on Friday night.

Haywood Dail, of Greenville, a former officer in the Pitt County Farm Bureau, will speak to the farmers here on February 18.

## Rev. Thos. Lee Trott To Preach Sunday At Episcopal Church

Will Also Preach in Roper Episcopal Church at Night Service

Rev. Thomas Lee Trott, of Wilmington, will be the speaker at the Grace Episcopal Church in Plymouth Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and will speak at the Roper Episcopal church at 7:30 in the evening.

The visiting minister, though a native of this State, resided and worked in Texas for some time, but for the last two years has been rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Wilmington.

It is understood that Mr. Trott will arrive in town Saturday and will become acquainted with leading communicants of the church during the day and will probably spend Sunday afternoon in Roper.

Though young and unmarried, the clergyman has spent several years in the ministry, and church officials are anxious that a large crowd greet the minister at each of the two places he visits Sunday.

### Representative of Farm Equipment Firm Here

S. P. Jones, representative in Washington and Tyrrell Counties for the North Carolina Equipment Co., with headquarters in Williamston, was in Plymouth this week conferring with farmers.

Mr. Jones expects to move his family to Plymouth, where he will be located, as soon as a suitable apartment can be secured.

The North Carolina Equipment Co. is inviting all farmers to attend a big barbecue dinner at their new offices and warehouse in Williamston on Saturday, February 5. A coupon appears in their ad on page 4 which will reserve a plate.

## Still Trying To Have Turnpike Road Paved

### BUILT NEW GARAGE



R. L. Tetterton, general contractor, this week finishes construction of the Satterthwaite Motor Company's new garage, formal opening of which will be held Monday night.

## Roper To Entertain Pamlico Baptists at Association Sunday

Convenes at 10 A. M., With Rev. E. R. Stewart as Moderator

The Pamlico Baptist Association will meet with the Roper Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10 a. m., with Rev. E. R. Stewart, of Fairfield, as moderator.

The devotionals will be conducted by the Rev. R. E. Gaddy, of Columbia. Following the worship service the roll of churches will be called, and committees for the organization appointed.

Principal D. E. Poole, of Roper, will provide special music. There will be a period of singing and an adjournment for lunch at 12 o'clock.

Subjects and speakers for the morning session include "How To Increase Sunday School Attendance," by Bob Knight, superintendent of the Columbia school; "How To Maintain Attendance Level," by Roy Litchfield, superintendent Mt. Pleasant school; "Preparation for Lesson Period; How To Get the Truth Across To Pupils in Best Form," by W. J. Berryman, Edenton Sunday School.

In the afternoon session Rev. R. H. Lucas will conduct the devotionals. "Some Good Ways To Build Up a Class" is the subject for S. A. Holton, Oak Grove Church, and "Association Goals and Perry Morgan Memorial," will be discussed by Moderator Stewart.

The program calls for adjournment at 3:15 p. m.

## Rules Announced for Taking Shad, Herring

### "NO NEWS"

"No news about the bleaching plant or anything else," said O. H. Cox this week when asked for a statement as to developments in connection with the proposed bleaching plant here.

Several officials were here last week, including Mr. Taylor, of the James Stewart Company, and others, and an announcement was expected.

## Local Boy Scouts To Hold Court of Honor Friday, February 4

Executive J. J. Sigwalt, of Wilson, May Attend; Public Invited

As a preface to Boy Scout Week, which starts on February 6, the Boy Scouts of Plymouth will hold their court of honor on Friday night, February 4, 8 p. m. in the courthouse. It was announced today by Scoutmaster N. A. Taylor.

Every scout is making a final effort to advance in Scoutcraft by the time the court of honor is held. Some will be awarded first-class rating, some will step into the Star Scout class, some becoming second-class Scouts and others tenderfoot.

This will be the biggest occasion ever staged in Plymouth for Scouts. Assistant Scoutmaster Papineau has written District Executive J. J. Sigwalt, of Wilson, to attend the event.

Parents, friends, and the public at large are urged to attend this court of honor.

## Meeting Will Be Held Here on March 2 by People of 4 Counties

Highway and Department of Agriculture Officials Are Expected To Attend

Plans were made for an event of section-wide importance at the road meeting held in Wenona last Thursday, when it was announced that a mass meeting will be held on the first Wednesday in March, at which time people from Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington will act in concert to secure the surfacing of the road from Highway No. 97 through the Turnpike to Pantego. The meeting will be held in Pantego, Wenona and Plymouth.

Present plans are to have Frank Dunlap, chairman of the State Highway Commission; W. Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture; E. V. Webb, of Kinston, district highway commissioner; S. M. Gibbs, Kinston, highway engineer; and D. Collin Barnes, of Murfreesboro, district highway commissioner, present.

People from all over the section will also be urged to attend the event. A caravan will start at Pantego with an opening program, proceed to Wenona, where they may lunch; and then to Plymouth, where the exercises will be completed.

John W. Darden was named chairman of a committee that comprises county commissioners of the four counties interested in the event, and this group will complete plans for the day's program and arrange the entire event.

The meeting last Thursday unanimously passed a resolution asking the State Highway Commission to improve the 13 miles of road between Highway 97 over the Turnpike, by Wenona, Pungo and Pantego.

W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture, told the meeting that the Blackland Test Farm at Wenona was one of the largest livestock demonstration stations in the Southern States and that good all-weather roads to and from the place were desperately needed.

The need is emphasized by the fact that recently the railroad track to Wenona was taken up and there is an urgent need for transportation facilities in bad weather.

Money has been allocated for the surfacing of two miles of the road on the west end, as the result of efforts made by H. H. McLean, county superintendent of schools, and Mr. Darden heretofore.

There were about 50 people present at the meeting last week, including highway engineers, citizens, state test farm officials, and officials of the counties.

## Dip and Skim Nets May Be Used Two Days Week Only

Provision Applies Only To Inland Waters; Does Not Affect Fishing in Roanoke

Shad and herring may be taken in inland waters with skim and gill nets of not less size bar than 1 1/2 inches on Friday and Saturday of each week from January 25 to April 15 in Washington County, it was announced by Game Warden J. T. Terry today, after receiving instructions to that effect from the Raleigh office.

Fishermen in this section resent the action of the board in limiting fishing to two days weekly, as the herring run in the smaller streams is quickly over and the fish do not have any special days to run. They would also like to have the season extended from April 15 to May 1 and allow fishing on any day in the week.

Last year Recorder John W. Darden asked the department to extend the season and to withdraw the restrictions as to fishing only on certain days, and his request was granted. This year Mr. Darden is again writing the department about the matter, asking that the restrictions be removed so that fishermen and farmers living near the waters may take their year's supply of herring and store it away as usual.

It was feared at first that the size specified might work a hardship on fishermen using skim or dip nets, as it was thought a majority used nets with about 1-inch mesh, but it was later learned that this phase will cause little trouble, as most of them use a lawful size bar net.