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Chemists Say Pulp Mill Is Not Polluting River

Recovery Process in **Use at Plant Reduces Hazard To Minimum**

Recent Story Appearing in Daily Paper Discounted By Local People

O. H. Cox, general manager of the North Carolina Pulp Company here, indicated in an interview this week that there was no foundation for the charges of polluting the waters of the Roanoke River and Albemarle Sound, alleged to have been made at a gathering of fishermen and directed a gainst the local pulp plant.

An article appearing last week in a State daily under an Edenton dateline Must Get Machines conservation department officials Out by Next Friday were designated at a meeting there to enter "vigorous protest" against the "believed possible pollution of the Roanoke River and Albemarle Sound by the excretions from the great new pulp plant" at Plymouth. It was further stated that two of the men left Edenton to "talk things over with the pulp plant officials at Plymouth.

Mr. Cox said this week that not only had no one approached him about the matter but that samples of water taken from the river below the pulp plant were constantly being analyzed by the firm's chemists with no indications being found that anything injurious to fish was coming from the

The manager of the plant also pointed out the elaborate recovery This recovery system is one of the most costly features of the entire plant. Through a process of distillation and refining, it permits chemicals used in pulp manufacture to be used over and over again, instead of being emptied into the river.

W. R. Hampton, member of the State Board of Conservation and Development and owner of the Hampton Fisheries, located just above the pulp plant, said this week that he knew of no protest being filed against the firm through state department

It will be recalled that before any construction work was begun on the local plant, officials of the Kieckhefer company conferred at some length with the State Department of Conservation and Development, outlining the processes that would be used here. By reduced in and it was agreed at that time that this year, it was indicated by County Banking & Trust Co. shows a conample safeguards were provided to Agent W. V. Hays this week. Records dition of high liquidity. Cash and as a hotel clerk in Lynchburg. protect river and sound fishermen in his office at present indicate that U. S. obligations amounted to \$14,against loss through pollution.

as little more than a case of over- age of from 900 to 1,200 in the past cash and government bonds, it had minister from Ayden, where the zealousness on the part of the Eden- few years. ton correspondent.

Large Crowd Greets **New Baptist Pastor** At First Service Here

Rev. Paul Nickens Comes To Local Church From Durham

Nickens at both the morning and 500 acres from this leaves only 400, evening services here Sunday, when and it is hardly likely this figure he began his pastorate at the local will be exceeded. Individual quotas Baptist church, succeeding the Rev. are being furnished county farmers

The new minister served as assistant pastor and educational director decrease under last year. of the Angier Avenue Baptist church in Durham for some time.

He graduated from Wake Forest College last June.

Mr. Nickens is married, and will and Currituck, 1,368. leave here Sunday afternon for Durham, where he will meet his wife and bring her back to Plymouth with him. They will live in the Ayers Apartments.

Five-Ounce Egg Laid by Rhode Island Red Hen

Mrs. Tom Brinkley, was this week asked to advise the hostesses if they band and one daughter, Joyce Basdisplaying an egg weighing 5 ounces, are unable to attend. laid by a Rhode Island Red hen of his. This is much larger than the same hen. The hen weighs 7 pounds and is one of a flock of 200.

Man Injured in Fall At Plant Improving

Hardison, 25, who fell from a ladder to the ground at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company here Sunday, was steadily recovering from injuries received in the 20-foot drop.

Dr. T. L. Bray, who attended Mr. Hardison, said a kneecap was broken and his head injured when the ladder on which he was standing gave way under his weight.

HOLIDAY TUESDAY

At least three places of business will be closed in Plymouth next Tuesday in observance of Washington's Birthday.

These are the post office, bank, and the ABC stores.

"Business as usual" will be the watchword at other local establishments. Schools will remain in session, but special programs have been prepared in most of them to celebrate the birthday of the nation's first president and Revolutionary war hero

Slot Machine Owners

Federal Jude I. M. Meekins Dissolves Injunction Protecting Devices

Nothing will be done about the operation of slot machines in Washington County until February 25, at which time they must all be taken up by their owners, according to Chief P. W. Brown and other officers. Federal Judge I. M. Meekins Tuesday of this week dissolved his injunction which has protected the machines, and declared that the "silent salesmen" devices must be taken up within 10 days or they will be subject to confiscation.

In the meantime, he said, the masystem in use there was designed to chines may be operated simply as prevent possible pollution of the river. candy vendors without the use of the 'tokens" employed when the devices were alleged to have been used for gambling.

Judge Meekins said his investigation had convinced him the "silent salesman" is "a gambling machine as therefore cannot be operated."

Acreage To Irish Potatoes Will Show

Records at Office of County **Agent Indicate Drop from** 900 To 345 Acres

The irish potato crop will be great- with 295 at the end of 1936.

producers this season as compared deposits." The county has a total allotment

of around 900 acres, Mr. Hays said, A large crowd greeted Rev. Paul but the removal of the Walker farms by the agent's office, and as a rule the allotments reflect about a 20 per cent

Quotas for other counties in the Albermarle area were announced recently as follows: Tyrrell, 2,797 acres; Pasquotank, 3,361; Camden, 3,337;

Junior Circle of Methodist Society Will Meet Monday

Missionary Society of the Methodist conducted the services, assisted by 75 invitations to ladies to attend a church will meet Monday night at Rev. N. A. Taylor, local Christian bridge luncheon and fashion show on the home of Miss Nellie Frances minister. Interment took place in a Tuesday, February 22. Beasley, with Mrs. Frances M. Dar- family cemetery at Ange Town. Alfred Brinkley, son of Captain and den as joint hostess. Members are Surviving Mrs. Basnight is her hus- number present from the community,

Whiskey, Peanuts **Bad** Combination For Local Negro

An examination by Coroner Jack Peele, Patrolman Tom Brown, and Chief of Police P. W. Brown failed to reveal any evidence of foul play, so it was decided that Herbert Brooks, 27, died Saturday night as the result of too much whiskey and too many peanuts.

Patrolman Tom Brown stated the belief of officers was that the negro went to the home of Will Moore, negro, near town, and died in a barn, where he had been eat-

His body was discovered several hours later by Moore, who reported the death. An inquest was deemed unnecessary.

Young Man Shot by

Word today indicates that Hallet Comstock, 21, of the Creswell section. was recovering from injuries received Saturday afternoon, when he was shot through the right knee alleged-

fred went into the house and brought out a gun and fired at Hallett. Dr. J. M. Phelps attended the injured man and then he was sent to a Rocky Mount hospital.

Article in American will be made later to get the district Banker Is Favorable Plymouth troop is now meeting in the To Branch Bank Co.

Says Gains Made Last Year One of Most Sensational **Among Nation's Banks**

cent issue of the American Banker, defined by said (Flannagan) law, and and reflects credit upon the manage-Company, one of the leading units of which is the local institution:

of Wilson, N. C., is one of the Southern banks which is showing excellent Big Drop This Year program. During 1937, its deposits increased \$2,213,173 and amounted on December 31, 1937, to \$20,255,903. The

not more than 345 acres will be 977,279.23, compared with the depos- local Methodist church, conducted on December 31, 1937, Federal Land The main reason for the big reduc- Bank bonds of \$913,005.52; F. I. C. farms this year, the county \$357,663.97; and municipal and oth- of Plymouth. agent said. Heretofore around 1,500 er marketable bonds of \$2,291,146.82. barrels of potatoes were planted by Thus the bank had \$19,778,852 of this one firm alone, enough for about highly liquid assets, compared with Elbert Peel Speaker 500 acres. Another reason is the deposits of \$20,255,903, showing very comparative inactivity of contract nearly 100 liquid assets to cover its

Funeral Saturday At Home Here for Mrs. Paul Basnight

Friday After Illness of Two Weeks

suburbs of Plymouth for Mrs. Be- has been here. atrice Ange Basnight, 25, wife of Paul Basnight, Plymouth policeman, whose Bridge Luncheon at Local death Friday came after a two weeks' illness with pneumonia.

The Rev. Duff Toler, of Choco-

night, 4 years of age.

his. This is much larger than the usual egg and is the fifth from the In Roper; Has 11 Members

A troop of Boy Scouts has been | for the rank of second-class scouts, organized at Roper, with J. K. Bid- and they will receive their badges as dle as Scoutmaster. Mr. Biddle is a soon as the charter and credentials Reports today were that Benny former star scout and local business man who enjoys working with boys.

of Barton Swain, L. E. Hassell, and sell, patrol leader; and Elmo Am-Rev. M. L. Ambrose. The troop hopes brose, assistant patrol leader. Other to have its charter in a few days, as members of the troop who are showwell as badges and insignia for the ing much interest are: Bryan Ches-

Nine boys have already passed the son, Alva Hooker, John Davenport, tenderfoot tests, and two are eligible William Pickette.

The troop was organized with James McAllister as junior scout-The troop committee is composed master; Joe White, scribe; Sid Hasson, Aubrey Dixon, jr., Worth Ches-

Registration

Expansion of the Boy Scout movement here to include all of Washington County and extension of the program to reach boys in Roper. Creswell, Mackeys, Cherry and wherever there are enough for a troop is now the plan of regional officials.

This would set up a district similar in operation to that in Rocky Mount, Wilson Williamston, and other towns in Eastern Carolina. All of these groups, along with the local one, are in Region Six, East Carolina Council, No. 426, with headquarters in

It has been suggested that Dr. A. Papineau be named chairman of the Washington County group. Associat-Brother at Creswell ed with him will be an organization and extension chairman, finance chairman, camping and activities chairman, health and safety chairman, training chairman and advancement chairman.

It will cost the people of the county a minimum of \$300 annually to ly by his brother, Winifred Comstock, get the organized program of scouting, which includes monthly visits by Officers were told that the two J. J. Sigwald, of Wilson, executive prothers were fighting when Wini- and George W. Thomason, assistant So far \$110 has been raised from 20 local persons. The balance will be secured next week, it is believed.

The Lions Club has promised its aid in raising the required minimum of \$300. It is expected that efforts a hut or some place to camp. The basement of the courthouse.

Everyone in the county is urged to ontribute something toward the annual quota so that boys all over this county will be afforded an opportunity to enjoy Scouting.

The following article is from a re- Ronald G. Smith, 32, Dies Result Injuries ment of the Branch Banking & Trust Received 2 Years Ago

"The Branch Banking & Trust Co., Suffered Broken Back in Automobile Accident at Lynchburg, Va.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon for Ronald G. Smith, 32 Branch Banking & Trust Co. made who died at his home here Monday one of the most sensational gains in after a lengthy illness. He was the the list of the country's largest banks. son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Smith automobile accident at Lynchburg, Va., suffering a broken back. At the time of the accident he was working

> The Rev. C. T. Thrift, pastor of the young man was buried.

In addition to his parents, Mr.

At Church Meeting

Attorney Elbert Peel was the principal speaker at the laymen's banquet of the Christian church held in the annex Monday night.

Short talks were made by W. L. Whitley, Robert Bowen, and W. C. Rev. N. A. Taylor, M. G. Darden, Tom several selections.

During the business session, Mr. Taylor mentioned that there seemed Funeral services were held last Sat- to be more church strength and inurday afternoon at the home in the terest now than at any time since he

Country Club Next Tuesday

The ladies committee of the Plym-The Junior Women's Circle of the winity, Free Will Baptist minister, outh Country Club has issued about

There is expected to be a large and those who attend will have an opportunity to see the new styles modeled.

PARALYSIS FUND

A total of \$109.75 was contributed to the National Foundation To Fight Infantile Paralysis by Washington County during the recent drive, it was learned today from George W. Hardison. county chairman.

Remittance has been made to headquarters. It was disclosed that the Plymouth community, as the largest, contributed most during the campaign.

Mr. Hardison asked that his appreciation be expressed to those who contributed to the

Plan Extension Scout Group to Include All Number Prominent Officials in Washington County State Government Will Attend Lions Club To Aid in Raising 8300 Necessary for Area Meetings To Consider New Road

Local Volunteer Firemen Assurances Received From Several Who To Have Banquet Friday Will Be Here March 2

from their roles as firefighters Friday night and enjoy a banquet in the community hall, with their wives and

speeches will be one of welcome to well. the councilmen and other guests and probably a reply. The object is so-

Members of the Plymouth Volun-, ord and advised the firemen that they teer Fire Department will turn aside had one of the best low net fire loss

a number of invited persons as spec- show a net fire loss of only \$250 in Plymouth for the calendar year. This John W. Darden, chairman of the There has been no definite program is record of which they should be committee on arrangements, that a outlined, and probably about the only proud, according to Marshall Brock- number of high-ranking state offic-

During the year the firemen anthe day and night. Their quick re-Sherwood Brockwell, state fire mar- sponse to alarms and their training shall, visited the local fire headquar- in using equipment has been largely ters last week, looked over the rec- the reason for the low not fire loss.

Swine Sales in County Over \$115,000 in 1937

FARM BUREAU MEET

Members of the Washington County Farm Bureau will have an opportunity Friday night to hear two interesting speakers if they attend the meeting scheduled for the agricultural building at 7:30 p. m.

The speakers are Haywood Dail, of Greenville, former officer in the Pitt County Bureau and Jack Criswell, of Raleigh, extension worker who will talk on the 1938 farm program. All farmers are invited to attend.

Professional Cast To Give Comedy-Drama 100 carloads. At School March 3rd

'His Son's Father" Third in Series of Programs From Northwest Assemblies

The third in a series of educationsented in the auditorium Thursday agreed to enlarge the pens. morning, March 3, at 11 o'clock, it was announced today by Principal R.

The whole story is regarded locally planted, against an estimated averits of \$20,255,903. In addition to the blank of the services, assisted by the Methodist presented by a professional cast and ton, Del.; Cudahy Packing Company, uate who thinks he knows it all and mour & Company was at the last sale much-needed road, but they will apat Creswell will not operate their 239,756.55; North Carolina bonds of Joe, Raymond, and Bill Smith, all Troubles come fast, and he learns through bitter experience that his father's old-fashioned ways are more the day of sale. Bidders arrange effective than his own stream-lined with the bank to pay any draft pre- Number Cases Tried

The play emphasizes the necessity of study, patience, perseverance, and stresses the fact that success can be achieved only by real effort and practical experience. It illustrates excellent morals and at the same time is full of fun. It is a fine "ego deflater."

Chesson. A quartet composed of the P.-T. A. Anniversary Wife of Local Poilceman Dies Darden, and E. H. Liverman sang Observed in Creswell

sociation celebrated the 41st anniversary of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, with Miss Smith ately. telling why the first congress was called in Washington, D. C., in 1897, by Mrs. Alice M. Birney and Mrs. Phoebe Hearst.

A birthday cake 41 candles was

608 Farmers Made Sales Thru Local Cooperative Group culture.

Hog Raising Rapidly Developing Into Major Crop For This County

Sales of swine through the Plymouth Mutual Livestock Association Commissioners; Fred P. Latham, last year amounted to \$115,665.03, according to County Agent W. V. Hays, whose office kept the records. George Wise, shipper and fish dealer, During the time there were 608 Stumpy Point; and L. D. Midyette, farmers who sold through the asso- of Aurora, chairman of the Beauciation a total of 6,234 hogs on consignment. The total weight was 1,-

farmers in Washington and Tyrrell portation facilities and also to make Counties, with three directors from the road better for school bus oper-Washington and two from Tyrrell, ation and use by the general public. Mr. Hays here and H. H. Harirs, at Columbia, county agents, assisted ficials only, the group is expected to

with the sales. month, but increased interest has meeting. al and entertaining programs from jumped the sales to twice monthly. It now ranks as No. 266, compared and was injured 27 months ago in an the Northwest Assemblies will be pre- The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad has Mayor B. G. Campbell, E. H. Liver-

> Swift & Company, Rocky Mount; This comedy, "His Son's Father," is Wilmington Provision Co., Wilming- County Commissioners. wire and in person, at 11 o'clock on jects as they may desire.

> > sented by the association for the swine sold. The bookkeeping and clerical work in connection with the sales is done Of Recorder's Court

(Continued on page six) Eastern Star Chapter Here Being Planned

touch with Frank C. Spruill immedi- C. Simon.

tempt to revive the old charter, a new a gun. Jackson was shot through the the old name, "Buncombe."

Mr. Spruill hopes to get the charpresented by Mrs. Betty Davenport. ter organized and the 60-day dispen- 41, white, charged with assaulting G. A tribute was sung after a reading sation period ended before the grand W. Patrick with a hoe, bottles and a by Miss Eloise Gibbs on the history organization meets in June, so that hammer, was also nol prossed. a charter can be secured.

In too many cases poultrymen fail

so far advanced that the breeder can-

North Carolina poultrymen should

not supply the demand.

Agriculture Students To Buy Chicks Cooperatively

By W. D. STARR

The agriculture students of Plymouth are planning to buy certified chicks cooperatively this season. Any one wishing to secure these chicks can notify W. D. Starr or any member of the agriculture class.

By purchasing these chicks from a North Carolina State approved and buy their chicks in this State. A sur- the local Baptist church, announces accredited hatchery, we are assured vey made shows that livability of N. the following services for Sunday: of their being free from disease that C. chicks is by far greater than other Preaching Sunday morning at the usually result in large death rates. chicks. You also save 1 to 3 cents per chick Even though the purchase price Mind of Christ." Sunday school will by buying together. We must know may be higher in North Carolina, it begin promptly at 10 o'clock. well as economical ones.

should anticipate the number of end.

Plans Going Forward To Pre-

sent Strong Argument for Paving Turnpike Road

Assurances have been received by ials will be on the program at Belhaven and Plymouth on Wednesday swered about 30 calls at all times of March 2, when the need for an allweather surface for the Turnpike road will be discussed.

The officials who are coming for the one-day session will gather at Belhaven at 10:30 and will come on through Wenona at noon, where they will be served lunch, arriving here about 3 o'clock, when a short

Among those who have notified Mr. Darden that they will be here are Frank Dunlap, Raleigh, chairman of the State Highway Commission; D. Collin Barnes Murfreesboro: and Ernest V. Webb, of Kinston, district highway commissioners; and W. Kerr Scott, State Commissioner of Agri-

In Belhaven a short session will be held, with Mr. Darden presiding; and short addresses will be made by Mayor J. W. Hines, Belhaven; J. D. Paul, Washington, speaking for the Pungo section; W. W. Watson, chairman of the Hyde County Board of County farmer, Belhaven; John Winfield, principal of Pungo High School;

fort County Commissioners. There will be a general discussion 84,284 pounds, representing about of the need for a road through the Turnpike to give the Blackland Ex-This association is made up of periment Station at Wenona trans-

After lunch at Wenona, for the ofarrive at the courthouse in Plymouth The original plan was to sell every at 3 o'clock for the second part of the

Short talks will be made here by man, farmer and merchant; Carl L. Bidders and buyers of the hogs fol- Bailey, attorney; A. L. Owens, busilow: D. M. Roberson, Williamston; ness man and farmer; H. H. McLean, superintendent of schools: J. M. Schluderbery and Kurdle, Baltimore; Clagon, chairman of the Washington

has played in over 1,000 schools. It Albany, Ga.; and Kingan & Com- ials are to speak will they be asked is the story of a young college grad- pany, Richmond. A buyer from Ar- to pledge their aid in securing this tion is that the A. G. Walker Estate and F. H. L. Bank debentures of \$1,- Smith is survived by three brothers, tries to run his father's business. and is expected to bid on future sales. pear on the program for greetings Bids are received on the hogs, by and are free to take up such sub-

At Tuesday Session

Assault Cases Predominate at Weekly Session; Two Found Not Guilty

A settlement by consent brought Local women who have a father, about a nol pros in the case of J. S. on, or brother who is a Mason and Shugar, 48, white, in recorder's court who wish to join the Order of the Tuesday, where he was arraigned for The Creswell Parent-Teacher As- Eastern Star, which will be organized allegedly taking personal property, here shortly, are urged to get in including a wheel cart, from Mrs. P.

> C. R. Gaylord was found not guil-It was decided that rather than at- ty of assaulting Charlie Jackson with chapter would be organized, taking foot by a gun in the hands of Mr. Gaylord.

The case against Rosalie Patrick.

Not guilty was the verdict in the ase against George W. Patrick, 45, white, charged with being drunk and disorderly and assaulting Mrs. A. R.

An appeal was noted in the case of William Fenstemker and W. W. Kerney, fined \$25 and costs in the court chicks they will need during the com- Tuesday of last week for removing ing season and the date on which certain crops from the premises of S. F. Darden.

to anticipate the number needed or Announces Services At Baptist Church

The Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of

11 o'clock hour on the subject, "The

that we are getitng quality chicks, as is readily admitted that good quality | Prayer service will be held on Wed-North Carolina State blood-tested nesday evening at 7:30. The date Poultrymen and chick buyers chicks actually cost no more in the and time for choir practice will be announced later.