spending some time at the Blackland Test Farm at Wenona, with J. L. Rea,

Jr., assistant director. Mr. Miller

makes occasional trips to inspect the station and to observe the work be-

W. T. Phelps at Roper and C. E Ayers at Plymouth say their filling

station business doubled after the

Albemarle Sound bridge opened and

remained so until after the "Lost

Colony" drama closed at Fort Ra-

Tom W. Snell, storekeeper at

Cool Springs, said the other day

that his section, on Highway 64,

west of Plymouth, got its name

from springs which used to pro-

vide some of the best water in

this section; and that people

came from miles around to drink

from these springs, one of which

was at one time bricked in.

better than formerly.

Plymouth school.

M. G. Darden.

winter stock purchases.

Mayor B. G. Campbell makes

this suggestion for the inscrip-

tion upon large signs urged for

erection along the highways en-

tering Plymouth: "Welcome To

Plymouth; If You Lived Here, You Would Be Home."

One of the best remembered Chris-

tian workers in this section is the

Rev. Joe Gray Gurganus, prominent

for Norfolk, where he joined the po-

lice force . Now a detective, Paul

Sawyer came back to his native

county this week as a witness in a

case involving some of his old-time

the Plymouth and Williamston

Boy Scouts to build a "second

class" bridge for the Jubilee

Scout-O-Rama by John J. Sig-

wald, Scout executive, of Wilson,

who urges the boys to "make a

Herman Spencer, an insurance

man, has returned from a trip to

Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga,

Tenn., where he with 51 other agents

of his company attended a conven-

ly 52 were awarded the trip.

tion. Out of the 2,500 agents in this region, embracing several states, on-

Prices of 31/4 To 31/2

Cents Approved for

Warehouses Will Be Operat-

ed Along Same Lines

As Last Year

The Agricultural Adjustment Ad-

year and who will do the same this

year, that a schedule of prices for

use in connection with a program to

nuts to the manufacture of oil has

Although details have not been

completed, the program will author-

ize regional associations of producers

to pay the following prices for farm-

ers' stock peanuts grown in 1938: Virginias, U. S. No. 1 grade, 3 1-2

The program to be undertaken will

'The total imported peanuts for

be similar to that for the 1937 crop,

when 3 1-4 cents was paid straight

the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938,

were 603,822 pounds of unshelled and

4,165,438 pounds shelled peanuts, as

compared with a total of 658,799 pounds of unshelled and 924,885

pounds shelled for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937," Mr. Freeman

been agreed upon

No. 3, 3 1-4 cents.

with local producers.

man, who stored peanuts here last librarian.

divert farmers' surplus stocks of pea- use them.

model to scale.'

Assignment has been made to

A home newspaper dedicated to the service of Washington County and its 12,000 people.

Test Farms, was here this week **VOLUME XLIX—NUMBER 38** Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Friday, September 23, 1938

Roper Teacher Oldest In

Miss Augusta C. Carstarphen, 79, Has Started on Sixtieth Mrs. Pauline Swain, Walter Pressure Being Brought To Season as Instructor of Washington County Children: Has Taught Over 3,000 During Her Career

leigh. It has dropped off since then, but is now estimated at 40 per cent The passage of time has not impaired the health, vigor, or mental faculties of Miss Augusta C. Carstarphen, of Roper, and just a few days ago she began her sixtieth year as a teacher in the Washington County school system. Miss Carstarphen is recognized as the oldest teacher in point of service in the state school system, according to Lloyd Griffin. secretary of the State School Com-

The fifth of next month she will celebrate her 79th anniversary, and J. T. Cooper, vocational agriculture by the time most people reach the teacher at Pembroke in Robeson County, was in town this week and eighties they are through with active public life, but not so with "Miss told about treating 2,600 chickens in Gussie," who has taught over 3,000 his work there this year. Poultry children in her career.

raising is done in a big way down "Bright" children and "dull" chilthere. Mr. Cooper was once the vodren have come under her tutelage, cational agriculture teachers in the but her active mind has been able in every instance to cope with the situation, and the discipline in her Sam Adler has been in New York classes is a model for which younger this week making special fall and

She has been to summer schooland to summer school some moreuntil about 20 years ago, they issued her a life certificate and told her that what she knew about teaching children was sufficient for her to hold a job in North Carolina, so she hasn't

Being of the "old school," her "school marms." She is a stickler for children "minding"; they know they quiet on her classes, and

Christian minister who died in 1881. He was a pleasing speaker and his life wielded a lasting influence on been teaching the sixth grade, Back those with whom he came in contact, according to J. W. Norman and sixth, and seventh. Both in the old and new systems she has managed to hold on to the sixth, and that is A stalwart, well-liked, energetic her grade today in a modern conyoung man left Creswell 15 years ago

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Signs erected on the highway

between the new bridge over Al-bemarle Sound and Creswell now

direct tourists to St. David's

Episcopal Church, which was

constructed in the eighteenth

while they are forced to remain in-

known how much longer she will re-

various minor undertakings.

doors," says Mrs. Jackson.

Appoint Committees

"MISS GUSSIE"



Miss Augusta C. Carstarphen, of Roper, who recently begun her sixtieth term as a school teacher in Washington County.

soldiated school, housed in a handmethods are those of the old-type some brick building and attended by dence he had secured, Solicitor Dar- Plymouth. about 500 boys and girls.

Asked why she hadn't retired from the profession of teaching, she replied that "there is no retirement For over half a century she has fund for teachers, and I need the malice aforethought did conspire with Hays and his workers are doing evin the old days she taught the fifth. guess I will teach as long as I can do Swain to kill and murder Abijah in Plymouth. the job satisfactorily."

Her education was secured at the (Continue on page four)

Skittletharpe, Mrs. Ainsworth Defendants

A special session of recorders court husband, Abijah Swain.

M. Darden, set the hearing for last learned this week. Tuesday, but Zeb Vance Norman, atorney for Mrs. Ainsworth, secured a is exercising every effort possible to ostponement until Friday.

made a statement on Saturday, Sepember 10, admitting her part in an neged plot to murger her husband, implicating Mrs. Ainsworth and Skitletharpe, who she claimed were intigators of the murder plot.

Mrs. Swain's statement was made under oath before Magistrate John W. Darden; C. L. Bailey ,attorney for Abijah Swain, her husband; A. R. Dupree, sr., attorney for Mrs. Swain; Abijah Swain, her husband; and a stenographer, who transcribed the statement, later read and signed by

den issued the warrant.

The indictment reads as follows "Blanche Ainsworth and Walter Skittletharpe did feloniously and with money for living expenses, and I each other and with Mrs. Pauline Swain; that Blanche Ainsworth, in execution and performance of the ac that she conspired to do, did unlawfully and willfully and felonious assault Abijah Swain with intent to kill him, doing him serious bodily injury by administering to him a poisonous substance, designed and in

For Quota Complaints 5 Errors in 'Quiz' Contest Booklet

Pass on Applications For Review of Cotton And Leaf Allotments movie quiz, sponsored by Motion Pictry Club last Thursday.

Lion President W. L. Whitley preswers on the following pictures, "Gateway," "The Texans," * "The W. F. Winslow, Committees made of farmers to Crowd Roars," "Girls on Probation," merchants, explained the advertising about a week ago and waiting for the crane operator to unload it. came about in various ways, some of ing this year. ton and flue-cured tobacco market- them typographical, and others ocing quotas in the various North Ca- curre dbecause the pictures them- Lion and civic worker, told those rolina Counties were appointed by the selves were not completed at the time present of his plan for the establishsecretary of Agriculture last Friday, it was announced by E. Y. Floyd, AAA it was ann

Because of these errors the committee has decided that no matter what answer is made by the contestants to these five pictures, that anserve a county, the members of that swer will be adjudged correct by the contest judges. In other words, the boring counties as a rule, in order to campaign committee makes a present of 5 answers out of the 30 required

Scout Executive Here This Week

John J. Sigwald, Scout executive met with District Chairman A. Pap-

This was followed by a meeting in from Maine but who came here from the quota originally established for Ducky Lloyd, chosen as the "Personality Boy" of the district recently A few minutes were devoted to instruction in merit badge work.

Spruill Property on Water

Mrs .Kathleen Spruill last week sold her part of the estate left to her by her father, J. C. Spruill, on well. The price was \$3,500. This property includes the buildings occupied by Alma's Beauty Shop and the as lay readers. Economy Cleaners.

COTTON CARDS

Cotton marketing cards will be ready for issuance to Washing-ton County farmers by the midof next week, County Agent W. V . Hays said today. Growers are requested not to call for them at the county office until individual notices are received notify-

ing them to do so. Growers may market all of the cotton produced on their farms other than in cases where the compliance records show overplanting of the acreage allotment, the county agent said. There are only three or four cases of this kind in the county.

Designate That Place Central Point

Pressure is being brought on the will be held Friday morning for a meat packers to designate Elizabeth preliminary hearing in the case in- City as the central livestock purchasvolving Mrs. Blanche Ainsworth, ing point for cooperative shipments Walter Skittletharpe, and Mrs. Paul- for the whole Albemarle area, which ine Swain on charges of conspiracy would probably eliminate the very and attempt to murder Mrs. Swain's beneficial business that is operated here by the Plymouth Mutual Live-The warrant, issued by Solicitor W. stock Marketing Association, it was

However, County Agent W. V. Hays block this movement, as the livestock Mrs. Swain, now serving a seven- shipping business was started in nonth sentence at the county nome Plymouth over a year ago and has ollowing her conviction of fornica- grown to such an extent that it intion and adultery with Skittletharpe, cludes shipments of hogs and sheep from practically every county in this immediate section

> Civic workers in Elizabeth City for some time have tried to prevail on the packers to locate a purchasing station there and designate it as the central buying point for all the Albemarle region, but Mr. Hays and his workers have managed so far to keep it here in the face of powerful oppo-

As a last resort, Mr. Hays urge that Plymouth continue to be loading and selling point for the Southern Albemarle section and others nearest this point, and that Upon the information contained in Shawboro, north of Elizabeth City, Barge Loaded With Creswell; and J. L. Rea, Wenona. the sworn statement, and with evi- serve the territory to the north o

> How far the opposition forces will go to take this very convenient and Dock Tuesday Night airplanes, day or night during the profitable enterprise from Plymouth is not known at the present, but Mr erything possible to keep the busines.

Lions and Merchants Hold Joint Meeting

Committee Appointed To Ask Town for Aid in Placing **Highway Signs**

ful discussions, and a delicious chick-Shep Brinkley, manager of the lo- en dinner provided the 50 Lions, mercal theatres, said today that movie chants and their guests a very pleasfans who have entered the \$250,000 ant evening at the Plymouth Coun-

tures' Greatest Year, need not be concerned about the errors that a sided over the event in the absence check-up has revealed in the contest of E. H. Liverman, president of the

plan that the trade body is sponsor

Zeb Vance Norman, local attorney

John W. Darden urged the Plymouth merchants to advertise and work for business down in the Pungo secway 97, and also on the Turnpike. chants to work hard for business here but not to antagonize other towns. Other speakers included L. S. to qualify for participation in the Thompson, J. W. Norman, J. R. the scow.

Campbell, D. R. Satterthwaite, Jack A. L. Owens, L. E. Hassell, O. H. Cox, load and simplifying the salvage task. and W. V. Hays.

zations were appointed to take up the and went straight down. and his assistant, George Thomas, The committee is composed of J. R. to warn other vessels away from the tural Adjustment Act of 1938. It will ineau and committee chairmen at the be their duty to pass on applications Plymouth Country Club Tuesday aft- E. Harrell, and W. F. Winslow, from

Lay Readers Begin Services October 2

Grace Episcopal church each Sunday, with a lay reader in charge of Street Sold To Mrs. Phelps the services, according to an arrangement being made by the rector, Rev.

S. E. Matthews. At the present time, services are being held at the church only twice north Water Street, to Mrs. Ida a month, on the first Sunday morn-Phelps, wife of J. L. Phelps, of Cres-Blount Rodman and S. A. Ward, jr., young local attorneys, will serve

Sunday Program at Methodist Church

Rev. C. T .THRIFT, Pastor Sunday school, 9:45. J. W. Nor-

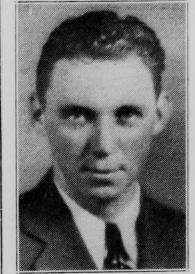
nan, superintendent. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m and 7:30 p. m.

he question, "Why Is It Thrift Will s, or should be, generally known that ministration.

the Bible.'

Hearing for 3 People Elizabeth City Tries Friday on Charge of To Secure Livestock County To Have Part State in Point of Service Attempt To Murder Market From Here In Defense Maneuvers

CRESWELL PRINCIPAL



A. T. Brooks, of Greensboro who is entering his second year as principal of the Creswell school. Scheduled to open next Thursday, recent developments may cause a postponement of the opening for a week.

Gravel Sinks at Local

Cited As Cause; 400 Tons Of Gravel Lost

A scow, or barge, loaded with gravel and owned by the Wood Towing There will be two forces, invading Corporation, of Norfolk, rested on the Bragg will have a concentration of At Club Last Friday bottom of the Roanoke River today anti-aircraft guns, searchights, lisabout 50 feet from the dock at the tening equipment and the like. rear of the municipal buildings here. It went down about midnight Tues-

The water is about 20 feet deep at the point where the scow sunk, but A mixture of good fellowship, help- the huge pile of gravel with which it all aircraft are reported so that the was loaded reaches to within 7 feet defending forces may be on the alert of the surface of the water, it was for them. found by divers Wednesday, when they plunged almost to the deck of the sunken vessell.

This is the second time this scow has been sunk, as it went down sevbooklet. These errors involve the answers on the following pictures, of town on business.

In Elverman, president of the eral months ago in Chuckatuck, and observers in the case of actual war."

It was on its first trip it has made it was on its first trip it was on its since then. The scow arrived here high for detection, or scurrying thru

Captain W F. Meekins, who was n charge of the tug which brought the scow here, was waiting Wednesday for storm warnings to be lifted before venturing back to the mouth of the river, where he was to pick up

Rivermen on other barges here said that Wednesday night at 9:30 that the planes will move toward the scow was riding all right, but Fort Bragg. tion toward Washington, on High- that the heavy rainfall on the leaking decks caused the boat to list and Carl L. Bailey advised the mer- later sink to the bottom. Damage is estimated at \$1,000 for the 400 tons of gravel lost and about \$700 for a derrick to be brought here to recover

As a rule scows, when loaded, turn Peele, Maurice Smith, W. J. Mayo, over when sinking, emptying their but the one here was so close to oth-A committee from the two organi- er scows that it could not turn over

matter of signs for the highways with A temporary marker has been put the town council at its next meeting. over the spot where the scow sunk Manning, L. S. Thompson and A. E. place until the current washes the

Courthouse Furniture Is

courthouse here today, as the result clean clothes. of the work of Mrs. Bryan Jordan Beginning the first Sunday night and six WPA women, who have been articles.

for cleaning public buildings.

Observers Named To Warn of Approach Of "Hostile" Aircraft

ESTABLISHED 1889

Six Warning Posts in Washington County Designated By Legion Commander

The zooming of military aircraft will be heard over Washington Couny during the second week in Ocober, when one of the world's largest air forces will engage in war maneuvers to test the defense of Fort Bragg against a group of "invading" planes from the coast, as the United States Air Corps concentrates its air forces in the eastern part of North

W. V. Hays, as commander of the ocal American Legion post, has appointed a group of men to serve as observers and warn the anti-aircraft forces at Fort Bragg of the progress of the invading planes from the north and east. These observers will pe stationed in strategic points in his county.

Observers appointed are as follows: . W. Brown, Plymouth; A. R. Phelps, Roper; T. W. Tarkenton, Pleasant Grove; Mr. Harris, superintendent of he prison camp; Earl Davenport, of

Each of these men has an eightmile territory to cover, and any citien observing the passage of the week of the maneuvers, is urged to communicate with the observer near-Heavy Rain and Leaking Deck est him, and the observer in turn will notify the Fort Bragg defense force

of the progress of the invaders. All types of craft will be used in the maneuvers, bombers, pursuit planes, blimps, and observation ships

Two of the chief observation posts will be in quiet places, the fire tower here and the post at Lake Phelps where the planes may be heard even before they can be seen. It is the duty of every citizen to see to it that

"One of the most important things the defensive forces of the country is whether or not private citizens may be depended upon to serve as If the invading ships should be too W. F. Winslow, representing the merchants, explained the advertising since then. The scow arrived nere habout a week ago and waiting for the crane operator to unload it. sible, and the Army post will be reck

oned as succumbing to the invaders. Three hundred and fifty warning posts have been designated in the area of operations, which runs west as far as Raleigh, south to Wilmingsome empty barges and head for the All telephone lines will be opened to the observers during the four hours

> Colonel Jarman, from Fort Bragg, and other Army officers were here last week arranging for the observers, and Mr. Havs has asked the men mentioned above and all of the citizens of the county to cooperate, as these are the first air maneuvers of such magnitude ever to be conducted in the nation.

Man Says He Was Beaten and Robbed

Bruised, bloody and bedraggled was William Harrison, aged wanderer of Kinston, who was found by officers Friday afternoon apparently in a stupor near the union station. Lacerations on his fac eand bruises about Renovated This Week the head were given attention by Dr. T. L. Bray, and Saturday morning Brightly shines the furniture in the the man was looking much better in

Harrison contended that he was robbed of \$200 after having been n October, services will be held in engaged in renovating the various beaten; but Officers P. W. and Tom Brown carried several persons before The chairs, tables, the judge's him whom they knew to be innobench and the floors have been var- cent, and he claimed they had asnished and present a very pleasing saulted him, identifying each one as

This group has also cleaned the Mr. Harrison is a brother of the furniture in the two white and one late Rev. N. H. Harrison, Primitive colored schools in Plymouth and the Baptist minister, and it was reported white school at Roper. Creswell will that he had not been to Plymouth have a new building. The work is in 38 years. Relatives of the minister begin done as a part of the project cared for the visitor while he was

W. D. Starr Resigns As Agriculture Teacher Here

Officials are casting about today | Weldon as a supervisor in similar Not Marry Divorced People?" For it visor with the Farm Security Ad- It is not known when Mr. Starr will

In his new job he will be located at a teacher will be secured.

for a successor to W. D. Starr, voca- work to that done here by C. H. Rational agriculture instructor in the bon and R .E. Dunning. The new job At the morning hour he will answer Plymouth High School, who has re- is a promotion for Mr. Starr and carsigned to accept a position as super- ries a substantial increase in salary.

leave, as he will remain until a sucne does not marry those who have Mr. Starr taught three years in cessor is secured for his work here been divorced. He will answer from Gatesville and is now on his second in the school. At the present time year in the local school. He is a there are no vocational agriculture At the evening service his subject graduate of State College and is re- teachers available in this State, it is will be "How God Is Set Forth in garded as one of the best vocational understood, although there are some he Bible." agriculture teachers in this section

The young people will meet at 6:45 of the State.

agriculture teachers in this section Mississippi from where it is concluded.

Resume Work on Creswell School Building Monday Temporarily halted this week on be completed, but some inside work

cents pound; No. 2, 3 1-3 cents; and Temporary Case Worker

main.

financial difficulties, work on the Creswell school building is expected specially as a possible of the classes that the control of the classes that the contr to be resumed by Monday, possibly Cessation of the work on the on October 3, it was learned today even before then, according to H. H. building was caused by a technicality from Auditor E. J. Spruill.

to this effect was not available today. the funds necessary to complete con- sioners. Final approval of the rate The exterior of the building will struction of the building.

account of the weather and certain will still remain to be done when the

McLean, superintendent of public in- which held up the funds the county has borrowed from the state to com- Plymouth Township list, and from The contractor has advised Mr. Mc- plete construction. However, when there will go to Lees Mills, Skinners-Lean that he did not expect it to be Auditor Greathouse completed his ville and Scuppernong. The crew is necessary for the opening of the term audit of the books and records on working in shifts. to be delayed longer than the an- Wednesday, the way was opened for nounced opening next Thursday, September 20. However, it is possible that the opening may be delayed a E. J. Spruill were to go to Raleigh corporation listings and approving week, although definite information Thursday, when they were to receive the rate set by the county commis-

Corrections Will Be Made If Errors Found in Original Quotas near applications for review of cot-

Open to the public during the tober, the church will be shown to visitors by ladies who will serve as hostesses each Sunday afternoon between the hours of 12 and 1938 Crop of Peanuts Library Lends Fewer executive officer. Each committee is could not be made in the way the construction of a hotel. composed of a chairman, vice chair- contest booklet suggested. **Books During School** man, one other member, and an al-With the opening of schools here,

Although each committee the number of books checked out to borrowers from the public library has committee were chosen from neighdropped from 200 to 150 per week, ministration has advised W. T. Free- according to Mrs. Lula Jackson, the eliminate charges of unfair discrimi-

nation The library now has 1,725 books The review committee for Wash- \$250,000 worth of prizes. of fiction and non-fiction on the ington County is composed of C. W. shelves, and she urges all who will to Snell, Route 2, Columbia, chairman W. A. Mayo, Route 1, Creswell, vice "In the fall the children start to chairman; J. C. Williams, Swar school, and they read library books Quarter, member; and Leland Dud-

less; but when its gets colder, the ley, Lake Landing, alternate. adults will increase their reading Establishment of review committees is authorized under the marketing quota provision of the Agricul-At Public Welfare Office for review of cotton and flue-cured ernoon, where they discussed matters the merchants' association. tobacco-marketing quotas, when pro- pertaining to this Boy Scout district. perly presented, and to make corof the act should an error be found in Williamston, is here now working as a temporary case worker in the office

of Miss Ursula Bateman, superintend- a farm. Committees for other counties in ent of public welfare. It is not

this section are: Tyrrell: L. E. Hassell, Roper, chair man; W. D. Phelps, Creswell, vice During the few days that she has chairman; J. C. Williams, Swar been here, Miss Caulfield and others Quarter, member; and Leland Dudsaid, in explaining that large ship- in the office have certified about 110 ley, Lake Landing, alternate.

ments of peanuts purchased by man- for work with the WPA. About 80 Hyde: L. E. Hassell, Roper, chairufacturers elsewhere are brought into of them are now working, some on man; C. W. Snell, Columbia, vice the United States in competition the Newlands road, and others on chairman: W. A. Mayo, route 1, Creswell, member; and W. D. Phelps, Creswell, alternate.

County Tax Notices Are Being Prepared

Employees of the county are working day and night in an effort to get

Already they are working on the

Delay in preparing the tax notices was only received Monday.