manager of the local unit of the American Fork & Hoe Company here, has been gone for close to three years, he retains his membership in the local American Legion post and continues to return during the holidays to visit friends here. He is connected with a handle and tool plant in Elkin, W. Va.

Harry Chopic, jr., who has been employed in Williford's Yellow Front Market here, has accepted an insura number of local policyholders and started to work this week, succeeding

A canvass for \$300 to continue the affiliation of the Washington County district of Boy Scouts in the Eastern Carolina Council will be started very shortly, according to Carl L. Bailey, who will be chairman of the committee to raise this money.

Fred Knight, local baggage clerk on the Plymouth-Tarboro Atlantic Coast Line Railroad train, has returned from a Tarboro hospital, where he has been for some time undergoing treatment. Mr. Knight is well known here, where he has made his headquarters for many

The Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association will meet Thursday night at 8 o'clock and the fathers and mothers of the school children are urged to attend, according to Mrs. J. W. Read, president, who explained that the night meetings were being held to afford the fathers an opportunity to attend.

Observers at the courthouse reported that Attorney S. A. Ward, jr. who served as prosecuting attorney in recorder's court for the first time Tuesday, attended to the business in the manner of a veteran, handling the affairs very 1 oothly and cooperating with the court in every way to take care of the docket promptly.

Red Liverman and Luther Armstrong have been elected cocaptains of the Plymouth High School basketball team, as re-ported by Carl Bailey, jr., and Duckie Lloyd, who also said that Coach John Weaver had 16 boys out for the first practice of the season Tuesday night.

R. W. Johnston, who gets around the county a lot, said today that it appeared now that many of the large farmers who were financially able would increase their tobacco acreage but that he did not believe there would be so much of an increase in the county over the 1,500 acres usu-

Members of the Plymouth Merchants Association are holding a meet ing Thursday night following the meeting of the Lions Club, which is adjourning at 8 o'clock for the trades men to attend to their business. E. H. Liverman, president, was hoping for a large attendance.

## **Darden Gets House** Seat No. 2 as Ward

Drew Mythical Seat No. 120, Holder of Which Gets Speaker's Place

By a narrow margin of two votes, D. L. Ward, of New Bern, emerged as Democratic choice for the office of Speaker of the State House of Representatives; and as a result Representative W. M. Darden, of this county was assigned to Mr. Ward's original seat, No. 2. The session began Before the session began Represen-

tative Darden was assigned to the was married to Miss Annie Mae mythical seat No. 120 in the House, Walker while there. which actually has only 119 seats. The holder of No. 120 usually gets the seat vacated by the representative who is elected speaker of the

Mr. Ward defeated Victor S. Bryant, of Durham, and W. E. Fenner, of Rocky Mount, who were candidates for the speakership at the Democratic caucus Tuesday night. The choice of the caucus was elected without opposition from the Republican minor-

Mr. Fenner, who occupied seat No. 8, withdrew after the second ballot Tuesday night in favor of Mr. Ward. Then by two votes Ward defeated Bryant, who occupied seat No. 1.

Through this method of seat assignment Mr. Darden managed to secure a choice seat in the House. He left Tuesday morning to be present at the Democratic caucus that night L. I. Case, of the extension service at and the opening session Wednesday, Raleigh; C. L. Groves, Elkin, W. Va.; when Governor Hoey delivered his J. R. Campbell, local grocer; and Emmessage at a joint session.

#### Mrs. C. W. Tatem Dies in Columbia

Funeral services were held Saturday in the Columbia Episcopa Rev. Sidney Matthews, of Washington, and Rev. John Hardy, of Williamston, officiating. Interment took place in a Columbia cemetery.

Mrs. Tatem, wife of former Representative C. W. Tatem, of Tyrrell County, died Friday afternoon. She had been in ill health for several months, but was thought to have been on the road to recovery.

following children: Mrs. Alma Disosway, Miss Helen and Miss Polly Tat-Arps, of Plymouth.

# Pulp Plant Workers Here To Get Group Insurance County Board Holds Monthly Meet Here Tuesday Afternoon Is Likely To Be Increased This County Sought

Company have recently made group the sole benefit of the employees and insurance available to employees of their dependents in case of death ance job with a company which has the local plant, it was announced this non-occupational accidents and sickweek by O. H. Cox, general manager, ness

> The form of group insurance made said the insurance is underwritten by ice December 23. a very low premium cost.

shared by the company and the em- of 90 days.

Officials of the North Carolina Pulp ployees. It furnishes protection for

It was learned that 90 per cent of available here has been enjoyed by the local employees have taken ada large majority of employees at the vantage of the opportunity to secure companys other plants for a number the insurance since the company preof years, according to Mr. Cox, who sented the plan, which became effect-

# Technicality Holds Up Using Creswell School

**NEW BOARD MEMBER** 

The Board of Education of Washington County Monday named Roy C. Chesson as member of the local school board at Roper to succeed J. C. Knowles. who became a member of the board of county commissioners in

Mr. Knowles has long been identified with the school work at Roper and served as a member of the board of education for about six years. He is widely known as a successful farmer, churchman and school worker.

Mr. Chesson is also well known throughout the county and his appointment was looked upon as a wise choice by observers.

#### Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bachman Injured In Wreck Saturday

Mr. Bachman Reported in Critical Condition Early Thursday

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bachman, of Columbia, promiffent in school work of the State, were injured, Mr. Bachman probably critically, in an accident near Bethel last Sunday, when the car Mrs. Bachman was driving turned over. Reports Thursday morning were that Mr. Bachman was in a coma and his recovery was considered doubtful. Mrs. Bachman suffered severe face abrasions and cuts, but is expected to recover. Both are in a Tarboro hospital.

Mr. Bachman received crushed vertebra. He developed pneu- of bad weather arrives. monia Tuesday, which was causing

attending physicians much concern. According to Mrs. Bachman, she Is Elected Speaker and Mr. Bachman, with a negro boy, were returning from Greenville, S. C., where they had been enjoying the Christmas holidays with a son, Gus Bachman, and his family. They had stopped in Tarboro for an hour shaking hands with friends and were on their way to Creswell when a truck rushed upon the Bachman car and Mrs. Bachman pulled out to let it pass. She was unable to right the

car before it plunged into the ditch. Originally from Pennsylvania, Mr. Baachman was city school superintendent in Tarboro in 1920-21, leaving there to become county school superintendent for Tyrrell County. He also formerly taught at Creswell and Walker while there.

# Work Will Be Topic would speak to the Lions Club next

Lantern slides, illustrating the causes and effects of tuberculosis, accompanied by explanations by Dr. A. Papineau, wil be a feature of the meeting of the Lions Club Thursday night, when a large gathering is expected by President W. L. Whitley. For some time the local physician was on the staff of the State Sanitorium, and he has a number of slides emphasizing the work being done to nicely.

control tuberculosis. Last week visitors to the club included R. L. Coburn, of Williamston; Dr. J. E. Bonner, Hopewell, Va.; Dr. mett R. Grandy, chemist at the North Carolina Pulp Company.

## Continue Drive To Secure

church for Mrs. C. W. Tatem, with designated by district officials as a leader in the attempt to organize a local chapter of the Eastern Star, an other with an assault with a pistol auxiliary of the Masonic fraternity. ended abrupty when verdicts of not Mrs. Satterthwaite hopes to have guilty as to both were returned. enough members to perfect an organization by February.

It will require 25 women members, all of whom must be mothers, wives, more of the thieving attempts, John connected with the Washington, N. Surviving is her husband and the or sisters of Masons, for the chapter to be organized. Nineteen names em, of Columbia; and Mrs. P. M. have been secured as prospective

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the Travelers Insurance Company at Mr. Cox said that all new employees will be given the same ad-The insurance is issued on a co- vantages after they have been in the operative basis, with the cost being employ of the company for a period

#### Hope To Make New **Building Available** Within Few Weeks complaints.

Classes Resumed Last Monday In Old Structure; Good Weather Is "Break"

A technicality has arisen, causing delay in occupation of the new \$82,-000 public school building in Creswell, but officials hope they can soon remove the obstacle and have the Liquor Laws Keep children in the new structure within few more days.

H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction, believes that after a few more finishing touches are put to the building and some other matters cleared up that the school will e available for classes very shortly

The hold up now has to do with funds due by the WPA, and it is beieved that as soon as a little red tape can be straightened out that the building will be ready for occupancy

School authorities expressed regret that they were unable to have the building ready for the children when classes were resumed Monday after the Christmas holidays, but when the technicality arose they felt it should be properly handled before the doors were opened

In the meantime, the children resumed their work Monday in the crowded and inadequate little brick building that stands near the handsome new structure. The weather for the past few days has not been as uncomfortable as usual at this time of the year, which is a decided "break" for both children and teachers. Every effort is being made to collar bone, fractured ribs, and a as possible, certainly before a period

#### State Building and Loan Officials To Be Here Next Week

Hoped Visit Will Revive Interest in Sale of Fifth Series Stock

the Plymouth Building and Loan As- whiskey. sociation is hoped with the visit here next week of Martin Guardian, of Raleigh, executive secretary of the North Carolina Building and Loan League, and Wheeler Martin, of Williamston, president of the league.

President E. F. Still, of the local association, announced that the state Thursday night.

In the meantime, only about 10 share of stock in the new series have work. been sold, and Secretary M. W. Spruill declares there is apparently little interest in the new series so far.

The directors have not canvassed for sales as in the other series, it is believed, but the steady increase in interest manifested by the more than 100 active stockholders indicates that that can be shown with his talks the organization is progressing very

## Several Cases Tried In Court Tuesday

A sentence of two months on the roads was meted out to Raymond Clifton, 43, white, in recorder's court Tuesday, when he was found guilty of assaulting Mary Clifton, his daugh ter, with a stick while under the in-Eastern Star Chapter Here fluence of whiskey. A second charge of assaulting his son, Delbert, while Mrs. D. R. Satterthwaite has been drunk, and with a pistol in his possession, was dropped.

The two cases in which L. H. Lucas

cases with larceny of chickens and be outdoors, while her work here was turkeys, was given three years on the mostly in the office. roads, and his accomplice in one or W. Downing, was given 12 months at C., station some years ago, but his

the county farm.

County Road To State **Highway Sytem** 

The Washington County Commisioners, in session here Tuesday, approved a petition for an addition to he State Highway road maintenance system and immediately passed a re lution asking the Highway Commission to take over the newly recom mended two-mile strip in the section near Plymouth. This road, be ginning at Saints Delight Church on other things that prevent growth and the Mackeys Road and running south through the farms of O. M. Chesson James A. Chesson, and E. H. Chesson to the cross roads near Roper, has been used as a public road for about 20 years and serves eight families.

The commissioners also decided to nvestigate the complaint of Dr. L. W. white, of Suffolk, who claims that his farm near Plymouth is listed too high on the tax books. He will be White, of Suffolk, who claims that given a hearing, along with others who may wish to have their valuawho may wish to have their valua-tions considered, according to their Judge Thompson

The commissioners also decided to pay the premiums of bonds of elected officials of the county, as has been the custom in the past. It was first decided by the commissioners that each official should pay for his own bond, but, after further consideration, it was decided that the county should pay the bond premiums.

# Joe Credle, Aged

With Keg of Non-Tax-Paid Whiskey

The ever-changing liquor laws of offender of Joe Credle, aged negro, as he was arrested again last Satur- of \$1,5000. A preliminary hearing day night on a charge of possessing was held in recorder's court and probnon-tax-paid whiskey.

Joe drinks very little whiskey himble but sits silently and meekly by quitted in recorder's court. as his bond is being arranged, which P. H. Bell, who has defended him on in superior court. liquor counts a number of times.

expedite matters so that the students supreme court for a ruling as to may be in the new building as early supreme court for a ruling as to from Joe Pritchette and selling them for whom Mrs. Davidson was speak named by the officer requesting a cents a pound, netting them \$30. search warrant from a magistrate. The high court upheld ABC Enforcement Officer L. L. Basnight, who re-

fused to name his informant. Officers say they are informed that Credle has been mixed up in the whiskey business for years, starting during the prohibition era and continuing up to now. He is getting along in years, but every now and then runs into law to be charged by officers with selling illegal whiskey

Policeman Paul Basnight nabbed A revival of interest in the lagging Credle Saturday night with a keg ales of stock in the fifth series of allegedly containing non-tax-paid

## Officers Installed At Masonic Lodge

Pastmaster Tom W. Snell installed the new officers of Perseverance Tuberculosis Control building and loan officials would visit Lodge, No. 59, A. F. & A. M., at the here with his organization and then meeting Tuesday night with appropriate ceremonies. For 30 years Mr. Snell has applied himself to Masonry and he is said to be well up with the of an aproaching train here last week

> Officers installed follow: H. H. Mc-Lean, master; D. A. Hurley, senior warden; L. A. Larkkin, junior warden; B. G. Campbell, treasurer; John W. Darden, secretary; J. L. Knowles, senior deacon; T. B. Brown, junior deacon; L. E. Jackson, tiler; R. H Lucas, chaplain; D. W. Beale and S. F. Garrett, stewards.

Dr. C. McGowan, retiring master, vas presented an emblematic ring as his preference to a pastmaster's jewel

#### Miss Olga Gardner To Leave Employ of Railroad Here

After 18 years of employment at the local Norfolk Southern Railroad Company station, Miss Olga Gardner daughter of Mrs. Sally Gardner, will conclude her work during the weekend. Succeeding her will be "Tip" Warren, of Washington, who exer cised his seniority privilege with the company in replacing Miss Gardner.

Miss Gardner has the privilege of exercising the same seniority privilege in about four other places, but she had not decided what she would do his week in view of the fact that most Willie Norman, charged in three of the work at the other places would

> Mr. and Mrs. Warren were both wife left the employ of the company

Approve Petition for Adding will be an increase in the acreage of quart—and 32 quarts to the bushel tobacco planted in Washington County this year, the office of the county agent having already cleaned enough tobacco seed for an average of 5,000

> cleaned so far does not necessarily take care of from 4 to 5 acres. mean that 5,000 acres will be planted. against the 1,543 acres in 1938, as most farmers are now tripling the amount of seed sown in plant beds development of plants.

As a general rule, there are 3 table-

Present indications are that there ounces to the pound-about one However, the two bushels of seed for each tobacco barn, which will

poonfuls of seed to the ounce, 16 the agent's office

And two tablespoonfuls will sow about 100 square yards of plant bed. Since the advent of blue mold and the prev alence of other diseases and pests, it has become the custom to plant from 200 to 300 square yards of plant bed Although an increase in the total

acreage is expected in the county observers do not look for a greatly on account of blue mold, pests, and program and difficulty in financing enlarged crop, as the soil conservation greatly increased acreages will tend to hold it down, despite the large amount of seed already treated at

**Superior Court Opens** 

## To Preside; Fifteen Cases on Docket

Two Cases Involve Deaths: Mrs. Swain To Be Tried For Attempted Murder

Fifteen criminal cases have been et for trial next week in the Washington County Superior Court, which convenes here Monday with Judge C. Everett Thompson, of Elizabeth City, Negro, in Trouble scheduled to preside over the two weeks' mixed term.

Included on the docket are two Caught Last Saturday Night cases involving deaths, several assaults, liquor law violations, and other infractions. There are also 13 Civil

Lundy Chambers, 39, white, will be tried on a charge of slaying Hardy North Carolina continue to make an Vanhorn and has been in jail for several months in default of a bond able cause found.

Pauline Swain will be tried for adself and is widely respected among ministering poison to her husband, both the white and colored races, but Abijah Swain, and for conspiracy to officers say that selling or dealing in murder him. In a deposition made whiskey is "a habit or disease or last summer she accused Mrs. Ainssomething" as he can't leave it alone. worth and Walter Skittletharpe of He never gives the officers any trou- being implicated, but they were ac-

is usually signed by a colored friend. from a six-month sentence on a lar- of the club. And his lawyer almost invariably is ceny charge and will face this count

O. L. Gdwin, 24, white, and Edi-

Roy Lucas, 45, white, Creswell merchant, will face a charge of violating the prohibition law in an appeal from the judgment of the recorder's court, where he was found guilty and sentenced to six months on the roads. Eugene Spruill, 25, cclored, will be

tried for reckless operation of a motor vehicle and causing the death of Aaron Norman, who was killed when a truck operated by Spruill turned over on the Mackeys road in October crushing Norman to death.

J. O. Lucius, 22, white, appealed from a decision in recorder's court, that he pay to his wife the sum of \$7.50 weekly after he was found guilty of abandonment and non-support and will be heard in the superior tribunal next week.

L. H. Lucas, 44, white, will be tried ers enter into the spirit of the occafor damaging the crops of his ten- sion. ant, M. L. Bowen.

Nicholas R. Daniels, of Jamesville, colored, will be tried for reckless operation of a motor vehicle. His wa the auto which struck and knocked the car of Mrs. Nathan W. LeGrand of Hamlet, across the tracks in front a serious accident being narrowly averted. He was found guilty in recorders court but noted an appeal. R. S. Bulluck, 55, white, will again face the charge of damaging the car of J. E. Parnell by the reckless op-

eration of a motor vehicle. In recorder's court he was given 30 days suspended sentence upon payment of the costs and \$14 damage to Parnell's ear, but appealed. Charlie Simmons, colored, 40, ap-

pealed from a three-month sentence in recorder's court on a charge of assaulting Mollie Simmons with a deadly weapon. S. B. Davenport, of the Pleasant

Grove section, is charged with forci-

ble trespass and removing logs from

S. A. Holton's place.

### **Baby Chick Buyers** Can Get Free Help

High School are being offered free money to be used for this purpose. the instructor.

The chicks that Mr. Moore will as- erwards.

#### **FARM BUREAU MEET**

An arrangement has been made to have J. T. Cooper, of Raleigh, assistant secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, as principal speaker at the meeting of the Washington County Farm Bureau to be held in the agriculture building here at 7 o'clock next Wednesday, January 11.

County Agent W. V. Hays says that Mr. Cooper will help revive interest in the farm bureau locally so that the farmers may have some aid in adjusting themselves to the new farm program.

#### Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Spruill Win 1st Prize Study Plans for Big For Decorated Home Homecoming Event

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whitley Second; Six Given Honorable Mention

First prize of \$3, offered in the Christmas decorations contest sponsored by the Senior Woman's Club. was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Spruill for the attractive appearance of their brick home opposite the courthouse, it was announced today Russell Swain, 23, white, appealed by Mrs. W. A. Davidson, president

The well-decorated home on Main Street of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whitley came in for the second prize of \$2, Several months ago a case in which son Godwin, 19, white, of Creswell, according to the finding of the judges, Joe was the defendant went to the are charged with stealing two calves whose identity was not disclosed, and

> the decorations at the homes of Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Bray, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blount, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Sumner, and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Midgett. Some of these nomes were not eligible because the rules of the contest specified that decorations should be put up by a ertain date and some of them did not get their displays up in time. Several of those ineligible were really outstanding, Mrs. Davidson said the

> judges reported. Last Christmas the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whitley won the first prize. The Woman's Club plans to continue the contest each year, and it is believed the competition will become stronger as more home own-

#### Survey Being Made Of River Channel

A hydrographic survey of the Roanoke River from the mouth to the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company will be concluded by next weke in preparation for dredging to deepen the channel, it was learned

The men were on the U.S.E.D. 'Shirley," a small boat used in making the survey. It was reported that three shoals

would have to be eliminated in order to get the channel at least 12 feet deep from the plant to the mouth of The crew came here from Norfolk

and have been about 30 days making

### Creswell Club Nets \$23 Profit on Dance

Creswell. - Improvement of the school library is being sought by the type of the vocational agri-Creswell Woman's Club, which is perous, Mr. Manning has sought the culture department of the Plymouth making every effort possible to raise to those who wish help in securing A dance sponsored at Hoyt's Cafe be necessary to look elsewhere, baby chicks, according to W. S. Moore Friday night netted a profit of \$23.10 for the club. Other efforts will be the completion of Highway No. 97 Mr. Moore said most profits on made in the near future to increase in a few months, there will be an inchicks were made by raising them for the amount in the treasury, so that crease in the number of transients early broilers and that now was the when the children enter the new through here, and that this, with othtime to secure the baby chicks in or- school at Creswell they will have a er attractions and a strategic loca-

sist producers in getting are pullor- One obstacle to the money-raising He also says that if a local person docket in the basence of the regular sonnel. She is a sister of L. S. white diarrhea. These chicks should be healthy and profitable, he says.

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Would Benefit Hundreds of People; Approved by Sanitary Officer

Drainage of thousands of acres of farm and timber lands along the Scuppernong River in the Newlands section of Washington County is being sought by John W. Darden and a score of citizens of that section, who met Wednesday in Cherry to get the movement for this project started.

Approval of the need for this drainage has been secured from J. A. Ferree, sanitary engineer for the district health office here, and T. W. Armtrong, manager of the Scuppernong Farms Project of the Farm Security Administration, who with Mr. Darden rode over the territory Wednes-

Mr. Darden stated that a survey rould be made by the mosquito control division o fthe WPA, and that he believed, as the result of correspondence with government officials, that the project is almost as good as approved, as the need is so great and would benefit so many people of the

The starting point of the project would be at Bull Pond and continue into the Scuppernong River near Cherry, a distance of a few miles, which will drain thousands of acres of farm and timber land which are now covered with water at certain season of the year.

Among some of the farm lands it would affect would be the old Idlewild Farm and Stewart Woodley's place. There are several hundred families that would be benefited by such a drainage program, and Mr. Darden was of the opinion that more than 1,000 persons would be directly or indirectly benefited.

# In Section This Year

John W. Darden and D. V. Meekins To Present Ideas To Albemarle Group

Preliminary plans for the Southern Albemarle Association's homecoming celebration, to be held during the summer of this year, in Washington, Dare, Hyde and Tyrrell Counties, were discussed here last Sunday afternoon by John W. Darden and D. V. Meekins, of Manteo, chairman of the

Their ideas and suggestions for the event will be presented to the executive committee of the organization within th next few days, and then work will begin on plans to put over what is hoped will be a mammoth

celebration. C. W. Tatem, Columbia, president of the organization, has been urged to call the executive committee, including the vice presidents of the organization, together to consider the plans. W. L. Whitley, as vice president, will represent Washington County.

An index card system will be started to secure the names of persons who formerly resided in the region and who have moved away, and invitation will be sent to each of them to return during the celebration. Members of churches, civic, women's clubs, fraternal orders, and other organizations will be asked to furnish the names of those who have lived in the section within the last 50 years so that they can be sent invitations

In addition to the invitations, it is planned to have lithographed advertising matter proclaiming the advantages and resources of the section,

sent to these former residents. Mr. Darden said that other tentative plans would be withheld until the committee laid their plans before the executive officers of the associa-

#### today from W. B. Cuthrell, survey J. R. Manning Starts One-Man Campaign For New Hotel Here

Says Opening of New Highway Will Make Hostelry Paying Business

Asserting that he is fully convinced of the necessity of a modern hotel in Plymouth, J. R. Manning, local automobile dealer, has accepted the of interesting men with the nec capital to finance such an ng during 1939.

Alert to the needs of the money among local peopie with the funds to invest, and says it may now

Mr. Manning insists that with der for the to become early broilers. creditable library available soon aft- tion, will make such a hotel a pay-

ium tested and were hatched from efforts of the club is the fact that could be persuaded to erect a hotel Sidney A. Ward, jr., prosecuted the when it began decreasing the per- eggs certified as free from danger of no auditorium is available here, as such a structure would remain as a