

Ben T. Davenport, of Norfolk, an engineer for the Norfolk Southern Railroad, and a brother to J. E. and W. B. Davenport, of Mackeys, underwent a head operation recently, as the result of an injury caused by a brick thrown into the cab by a hobo

Misses Leslie Darden and Minnie Brinkley, stenographers at the North Carolina Pulp Company, took advantage of the closing of the plant to make a trip to the New York World's Fair this week. They left Sunday

Reports today were that someone entered the office of Principal R. B. Trotman Wednesday night at the Plymouth High School and ransacked the office. apparently in the search for something valuable. Nothing was missed, but the office was left in a torn-up condition.

Coach John Weaver, of the Plymouth High School, has returned from a Rocky Mount hospital, where he underwent an operation for the removal of a kidney. He is now at his room in the residence of J. R. Campbell and reports that he is not suffering any pain, but is only waiting to regain his strength.

Archie Nobles, of Hertford, field manager for the Woodmen of the World, was in Plymouth Wednesday seeking a successor to Secretary A. L. Owens. L. W. Gurkin was mentioned as a possible successor. C. G. Gurkin, of Jamesville, is serving temporarily.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Hall, of Durham, were here last week visiting Mrs. Hall's brothers, Whit and T. A. Stubbs. The minister is now pastor of the Angier Avenue Baptist church in Durham. While a pastor here about 35 years ago the Rev. Mr. Hall baptized W. R. White and Harry Stell among many others.

J. W. Marow, in town from the Roper section Saturday, said that he had traveled 450 miles in the past few days searching for spare tobacco plants to use in transplanting his crop. His tobacco beds were almost completely destroyed by adverse weather conditions.

W. B. (Bill) Clifton, clerk in Liverman's Drug Store, has returned from a Rocky Mount hospital, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis about two weeks ago.

Representative W. M. Darden said this week that two men who held important committee assignments in the 1939 legislature were being boosted 1939 legislature were being boosted for speaker of the house at the 1941 session; they are George R. Uzzel, of Rowan; and John %. Sailey, of Guii-result of the shut-down here.



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AND WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS * * * *

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Finals Program at Creswell Outlined

Plans to renew efforts to get th

Pungo through the Turnpike by We-

nona and Pantego, to shorten the dis

folk by 37 miles, were discussed by

Fred P. Latham, of Belhaven, with

er, manager of the State Cooperage

meeting Wednesday night. There

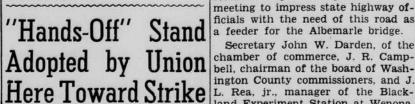
were 17 present, 11 of these being of-

ficers and directors of the chamber

Creswell.-The Rev. Maynard O. Fletcher, superintendent of the Tayloe hospital in Washington, N. C., eivic worker and churchman, will preach the commencement sermon to the three graduates of the Creswell High School on May 28. at 11 a. m., in the Baptist church, according to Principal A. T. Brooks. The commencement address will be made by Dr. J. Henry Highsmith president of the North Carolina

Education Association and head of he executive committee of the Wash the instructional service of the state ington County Chamber of Commerce department of education. This will at a dinner meeting at the Plymouth also take place in the Baptist Country Club Wednesday. church, on Friday, June 2, at 8 Five miles of this road at the Plym-H. H. McLean, superintendent of outh end connecting with Highway public instruction of Washington 97 has been surfaced, but there re-County, will present the diplomas to the graduates, while the medwhich is almost impassible at cerals and awards will be made by

Principal Brooks. Examinations will be held May 31 and June 1.



Say Matter One for Settle- fer with those from the other towns ment Between Company And Unions at Delair

The local pulp workers' union, No. freesboro. 356, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor, will adopt a "handsoff" policy in regard to the strike at the Delair plant of the Kieckhefer Container Company, parent corporation of the North Carolina Pulp Co., which operates the local plant, it was learned following a meting Wednesday night.

of commerce. The local union rejected a propos-The local organization also took an al that it direct an appeal to the advertisement in a program for the Governor and Commissioner of Labor Hyde County celebration which is beof North Carolina asking them to use ing printed for distribution at the the influence of their offices in seek- New York World's Fair, outlining the ing a settlement of the dispute beattractions of this section. tween the Kieckhefer Company and Brief talks were made by several American Federation of Labor unions, farmers, including R. H. Lucas, Walwhich is the cause of the strike at ter Bowen, and W. E. Allen. Others Delair and the shutting down of the present included President Blount local plant. The union members al-Rodman, W. F. Winslow, J. R. Manso declined to apply to the American ning, W. H. Paramore, Plymouth, C. N. Davenport, E. S. Woodley and O. D. Hatfield, Creswell; and Barton Swain, of Roper

Labor spokesmen here, answering sponsors of the proposal, said that **Only One Marriage**



Petition Urges State School Lunch Rooms Fed Position of Company Officials to Press for Average 8,000 Monthly Explained Tuesday oad paved from highway No. 97 to Settlement of Strike tance between Hyde County and Nor-

> Residents and Citizens Ask Governor and Labor Commissioner To Intervene

THE ROANOKE BEACON

Petitions bearing the signatures of hundreds of persons in Plymouth will mains about 8 miles of dirt road be taken to Raleigh Friday for presentation to Governor Clyde R. Hoey tain seasons of the year. A group of and Commissioner of Labor Henry citizens from Belhaven, Plymouth and L. Shuford, asking them to use their Pantego wish to get Hyde County influence to secure a settlement of the folks to help them sponsor a mass labor dispute between three unions of the American Federation of Labor and the Kieckhefer Container Company in Delair, N. J., a strike at the plant there about two weeks ago causing a shut-down of the local pulp plant

The Plymouth plant closing affects about 350 employees of the mill and land Experiment Station at Wenona 350 workmen and wood producers were appointed a committee to conwho supply the materials for the unit This has seriously crippled here. relative to a mass meeting soon and trade and revenue in the section, and to have the highways commissioners the situation is expected to steadily present, including E. V. Webb, of grow worse until operations are re-Kinston, and Collin Barnes, of Mursumed at the plant here.

Branch Bank Will Observe Mecklenburg Day Saturday The residents and citizens of Plymouth, through the petitions which are Mayor Henry Harvey and O. F. Walkbeing circulated and signed Thurs-Company is the only business in town that will be closed Saturday, May 20, day, urge the state officials to appeal Company plant in Belhaven, and Earl to the presidents of the American Windley, of Pantego, were at the in observance of Mecklenburg Day. Federation of Labor and the Kieckhefer Container Company as follows: (1) That the strike at the Delair plant be called off immediately un-

der an agreement that the unions and of Independence. the company will conduct negotia tions looking toward settlement of

the dispute causing the strike: (2) That the affiliates of the A. H L. and the plant management enter into negotiations looking toward a peaceful and permanent settlement of the existing dispute fair and amicable to both sides; and

(3) That the said negotiations b broad enough in their scope to prevent recurrence of further strikes. The petitions will be carried to Raleigh Friday morning by a large delegation of prominent local people who are hoping to secure prompt action on the part of Governor Hoey and Commissioner Shuford.

Selected from the Boy Scout mem-

bership in east Carolina. Wilford

Whitley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L.

Whitley, of Plymouth; and Ammon

ney Smithson, of Creswell, will at-

J. R. Manning, district chairman

of camping, and a member of the

executive board of the East Carolina

who helped select the local Scouts

for the trip.

were fed monthly by the lunch rooms in the Washington County schools during the 1938-39 term, it was learned this week from Mrs. W. S. Nobles, supervisor of the WPA project which made the lunch rooms possible. Four thousand of the lunches

monthly, on an average, were furnished without cost to undernourished children who were unable to pay for the food.

Mrs. Nobles said the Plymouth lunch room rates as one of the best in the district, meeting all the state requirements. The Creswell lunch room has

An average of 8,000 children done an excellent work, according to the supervisor, who point ed out that all the civic organizations there were interested in this one of the best to be found anywhere. Mrs. Betty Davenport permitted her kitchen to be used in preparing the food, which has been served in the home economics room, due to lack of space in the old building. In the new school building, recently completed and not yet in use, ample provision has been made for the

lunch room. Mrs. Nobles said that lunches were served to the youngest in the various communities, as well as to the older students.

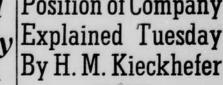
Add Leaf Acreage

less adverse circumstances prevail,

Forecast Big Increase

In 1939 Tobacco Crop

The Branch Banking and Trust Up Other Crops To



Says He Is Unable To Predict When Operations Will Be Resumed

Herbert M. Kieckhefer, secretary and treasurer of the Kieckhefer Container Company, of Delair, N. J., parent corporation of the North Carolina Pulp Company here, while in town Tuesday, expressed his regret and concern over the closing of both the Delair and Plymouth plants as the result of a strike at the New Jersey mill and issued a statement, including correspondence between his company and the unions, outlining the situation at Delair at the present time.

Mr. Kieckhefer was unable to make any predictions as to the prospect for immediate settlement of the strike, although it is understood from other sources that negotiations are underway between representatives of the company and the three local unions involved.

The complete text of Mr. Kieckhefer's statement follows:

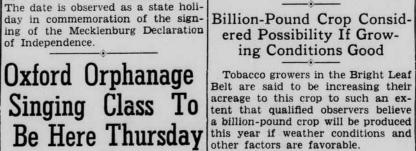
Text of Statement

The North Carolina Pulp Company plant at Plymouth, N. C., will be closed for an indefinite period of time due to a strike which has been called due to a strike which has been called by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen & Helpers, Local No. 676; the Interna-tional Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers, Local No. 126; and the Inter-national Brotherhood of Pulp, Sul-phite & Paper Mill Workers, Local No. 380, at the Delair, N. J., plant of the Kieckhefer Container Co., who consume the major share of the pulp production of the Plymouth mill. Due to the large inventories of pulp on

to the large inventories of pulp on hand at both Plymouth and Delair and limited space available for addi-tional inventories, it was necessary to close the Plymouth mill until the Delair. N. J., plant again starts opera-

The closing of the Plymouth mill The closing of the Plymouth mill will affect about 750 families, approx-imately one-half of which are em-ployees of the company and the re-mainder workers supplying wood for the mill, with a total payroll of over \$15,000 per week. An official of the Kieckhefer Con-

tainer Co. stated that no wage or hour dispute existed at the time of the strike, and the company had expressed its willingness to negotiate a contract with the three unions for their respective departments as is confirmed by the following proposals to the three unions, in writing, at the last meeting held on May 5th:



Will Give Concert in School Auditorium May 25; Public Invited

May 25, at 8 o'clock. The local Ma-

the entire Eastern Carolina section The Oxford Masonic Orphanage will have packhouses and barns filled Singing Class will present its annual to capacity with tobacco when harconcert atthe high school auditorium vesting time comes. in Plymouth next Thursday night, Reports from Ma

Reports from Martin County were to the effect that some of the farm-

Be Here Thursday It is indicated now that even Washington County, which had 1,500 acres last season, may increase this by at least 100 acres more; and, un-

Truth, Tolerance, Courtesy, Frankness and Preparation Extolled

Truth, tolerance, courtesy, frank- the involved parties to settle their ness and preparation were extolled as differences between themselves. guide posts to good citizenship by City, in a commencement address to Creswell P. T. A the graduating class of the Plymouth High School last Friday evening.

W. L. Whitley introduced the Federal jurist as "one of the ablest judges in the country.'

featured the final meeting of the The invocation was made by the Rev. N. A. Taylor. Miss Lillian Rob- Creswell Parent-Teacher Association held in the school building last Thurs bins made the salutatory address and Miss Helen Harrison made the vale- day evening with a large number of members and visitors present. dictory speech.

H. H. McLean, superintendent of Mrs. C. N. Davenport, sr., the recounty schools, presented diplomas to tiring president, installed the new ofthe following graduates: Mary Lee ficers as follows: Mrs. E. S. Wood-Armstrong, Rebecca Armstrong, Mary ley, president; Mrs. A. S. Holmes, Elizabeth Bray, Bill Darden, Mildred vice president; Miss Julia Stilley, sec-Dudley, Billie Fagan, James Francis, retary; Miss Grace Stillman, treasur-Helen Harrison, Bill Hays, Dale John-

The following committee chairmen son, Louise Lefever, Anne Liverman, were appointed: Mrs. R. T. Hopkins, Ernest Liverman, Gilbert Noble, Lillie Riddick, Lillian Robbins, Mary program; Miss Helen Kirkpatrick. art; Mrs. Clyde Smithson, member-Thomas Robbins, Estelle Sawyer, Anna Margaret Stillman, Joe Vail, Clyde ship; Mrs. C. A Swain, hospitality; Waters and Wilford Whitley. Mrs. Mary Armstrong, ways and

means; Mrs. C. N. Davenport, sr., wel-P. Bruce Bateman, chairman of the fare; Mrs. C. N. Davenport, jr., yard Washington County. local school board, presented the following awards: Meredith Johnston, improvement; Mrs. W. W. Bateman, citizenship; Helen Harrison, valedicpublicity

tory; Helen Harrison, best all-'round Reports of various activities were senior: Catherine Midgette, leadermade by Mrs. A. S. Holmes, Mrs. E. S. Woodley and Mrs. Vida Davenport, ship and participation in school activities; Ernest (Red) Liverman, ath- and Principal A. T. Brooks expressed letics: Lillie Riddick, for highest av- his appreciation of the lunch room. erage in commercial course; Frances pointing out that "decided improve Swindell, for most improvement in ment had been shown by the undercommercial course; Charlie Ange, ag- privileged children since operation of the lunch room started." riculture.

were not directly involved in the And General Economic strike, even though they were innocent victims, and they felt the only thing they could do was to wait for Blame for the drastic reduction in Smithson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidthe number of marriage licenses is-

sued in the register of deeds' office in tend the New York World's Fair **Installs Officers**

Washington County in the last 45 from June 2 to 9, along with a group days is divided between the new mar- of 33 other scouts from the section. riage license laws and the general scarcity of the wherewithal.

During the last 45 days only one license has been issued, as against from 5 to 20 in the average month Creswell.-Installation of officers before the 1939 law went into effect.

making it mandatory for the couple seeking license to undergo physical examinations by physicians, in order ning of June 1 for the New York trip. to prevent the marriage of persons During their stay at the fair they will

Conditions

suffering from venereal or contagious be assigned definite activities each diseases There is no provision for official rety to be married. However, if this course is followed the law requires the honor to them. couple to present health certificates

within 30 days of their return to Prizes Awarded at prove their freedom from disease. The first and only license issued in this county by Register of Deeds Mrs Mary S. Cahoon, under the terms of the new law, went to James Thomas and Mildred Baker, colored, both of

Once the law is fully understood and those wishing to marry underhome agent of Edgecombe County stand there is not much trouble to and formerly of Plymouth, in a be found in meeting the rules and regulations, it is believed the license spring flower show of the home dembureau sales will return to normal onstration clubs in the agriculture especially since the law must be com building Wednesday afternoon. plied with, regardless of whether a

couple is married in or out of this presided. Mrs. George Bowen made state.

> Mrs. W. C. Moore and Mrs. Russell E. White sang a solo. Mrs. A. E. Dav-enport read a poem also. The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Frances

Mesdames Walter Lloyd, S. A.

Mrs. Betty Davenport, of Creswell

the presentations. Punch and cakes were served by

Mrs. W. V. Hays and Mrs. C. F. Cline. of being drunk.

The Mackeys post office rated first in the sales of savings bonds among payment to the mother of the child fourth-class post offices in the State \$1:50.

for the year of 1938, according to inagainst Henry Moore, 27, colored, in formation compiled by the Treasury a case charging him with intent to Miss Jamie Riddick, postmistress at rape Mary McDowell, but he was givthe Mackeys office, is very proud of en two months on the county farm for assaulting a female. this record.

admission, and the public is cordially Farmers in this, as well as in other invited and urged to attend. A freecounties, have driven hundreds of will offering will be taken up and miles in their automobiles in an efpresented to the orphanage to aid in fort to get tobacco plants for trans. carrying on the work of caring for planting because of the adverse the 300 children there, about half of weather conditions that reduced the whom are of non-Masonic parentage. plant bed yields.

Busily engaged in getting their crop The members of the singing class will be guests of various members of set out and their increased acreage the local lodge while in the city. The transplanted, farmers have given litclass will arrive in their own bus the thought to the price possibilities about 11 o'clock Thursday morning, next fall.

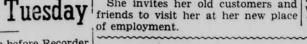
council, was one of the several men the children being sent to the local In other counties it has been reported that farmers have plowed unhome in time for the noon meal. They will remain here until the following der their corn and other crops in an The group of 35 scouts will board morning, Friday, about 8 o'clock, effort to have a place to enlarge their tobacco plantings. One man was rethe train in Rocky Mount on the eve- when they will leave for the next town on their itinerary.

The program this year is said to be exceptionally well planned and presented. Though the children are Nearly 4,000 boys are being chosen ports on number of persons going to on the basis of their scouting records the past, the program is declared by officials, but it is now believed they smaller than those taken on tours in those who have witnessed it, to be ington County scouts is a distinct even better than any heretofore. ward. There are a number of choruses and vocal selections by individuals, as well Miss Ida Stillman Now as several specialties, including some

tap-dancing routines. The singing class has been coming

Flower Show Here nere every spring for a number of years, and it is usually well received by local people. Those in charge of Enthusiasm, loyalty, optimism and arrangements for the visit this year ision were urged for women today hope to have a large audience next by Mrs. Eugenia Van Landingham. Thursday night to greet the children.

speech to the women attending the spring flower show of the home dem. Five Cases Before Recorder Tuesday



lows:

Without calling any names what-

enforced idleness. The letter fol-

of 'live and let live.' When the local pulp plant closed down, he voluntarily went to see all those

who were renting rooms from him and told them not to worry over one penny's rent during the closed period at the mill; that he

was not going to charge them one cent during the shut-down

for house rent.

"A certain citizen of this town

Five cases came up before Recorder John W. Darden Tuesday morning, with four convictions and one continuance resulting.

Wilbur S. Blount, 32, white, charged with driving an auto while under the influence of intoxicants, had his Ward, sr., and C. L. Smith, the case continued until May 23. Chief

ever, a letter was handed to The Beacon this week which is being published to cite an example of ment suspended upon payment of the the true spirit of cooperation costs and good behavior on a charge appreciated by workers at the pulp plant during their period of

Hilmand Norman, 22, colored, and Mackeys Post Office Leads Rosa Lee Norman, 16, colored, were for judging by 12 o'clock. Each gar-den club member may invite two days on the roads, suspended upon

No probable cause was found

The International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite & Paper Mill Work-ers, Local No. 380; The Internacis, Local No. 380, The Interna-tional Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers, Local No. 126; The Interna-tional Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Help-ers, Local No. 676: Gentlemen.

ers, Local No. 676: "Gentlemen: "Under date of May 3, 1939, our company was asked by your respect-ive unions, all affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, for recognition and sole collective bar-gaining rights for its Delair em-ployees comprising certain bargein.

ployees, comprising certain bargaining units. Our answer to these requests are as follows:

"To the Pulp and Sulphite Work-ers' Union, Local No. 380, we are will-ing to grant recognition and sole barported to have been seen busily engaged in turning under corn nearly gaining rights for all employees paid on an hourly or piece-work basis, ex-cept members of supervisory force, knee high in order to plant the leaf. Increases of from 10 to 15 per cent had previously been predicted by obclerical workers, truck drivers and helpers working outside the plant, yard truck drivers, watchmen, main-tenance, electrical and power-house workers. This union has proved to our satisfaction that they represent will have to revise their figures up-

a large majority of all production employees.

"To the Firemen and Oilers' Union, With Sam Adler's Store Miss Ida Stillman, who has been employed in Abe Adler's store here for With Sam Adler's Store

employed in Abe Adler's store here for the past eight years, is now employed by Sam Adler, who recently reopened his store hre in the same old location. Miss Stillman has been engaged in the dry mode business for a num-Miss stillman has been engaged in all truck drivers, helpers and plat-the dry goods business for a num-ber of years and recognized as a cap-able experienced clerk, well liked by the general public. She invites her old customers and friends to visit her at her new place

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Local Landlord Exhibits Cooperative Spirit To Tenants During Shutdown

"This man realizes that people must have food, and he knows what it means for one's entire income to be suddenly cut off, for he himself was one of the em-ployees. He knows that there are many expenses to pile up, while not even half wages are coming in; and he also realizes that the cost of living is very high and that good wages are required be-fore a man can break even. So this man takes it on himself to share the losses of others. "Such a deed encourages folks not to pull up and move out of town, and he certainly deserves commendation. This would be a better world to live in iff there were more such people. Such an

were more such people. Such an act was surely prompted by the true Christian spirit. Congratu-lations to him!"

All Automatic Guns To Be Plugged In Order To Conserve Supply of Quail

Designed to prevent the extinction of quail in North Carolina, a new ruling on guns was handed down last week by the State Department of Conservation and Development, according to County Game Warden J. T. Terry, who said that effective next season hunters would not be allowed to shoot an automatic gun more than three times without reloading.

The ruling says: "All automatic shotguns will be plugged, and no person will be allowed to have more than three shells within the barrel or magazine.

The law making it mandatory to limit the number of shells was passed by the 1939 legislature. Mr. Terry said that there were only nine other states in which a man could carry more than three shells in a gun while hunting.

"Any person found violating this law may expect to have his license revoked for the entire year," Mr. Terry stated

Advised of the constantly decreasing number of game birds. the State Department of Conservation and Development sponsored the law in an attempt to prevent complete extinction of quail.

flower show on Friday, May 26, at the home of Mrs. J. B. Edmondson, George W. Bowen, Mrs. Llower out the warrant. under the auspices of the Plymouth Garden Club. The show will open at 3 o'clock

and entrants must bring their own containers and make their own arrangements. Flowers must be ready den club member may invite two guests.

One entry may be made in each of he following classes: One arrangement of one kind of mixed flowers, one arrangement of one kind or mixed flowers; one small mixed flow- Department in Washington, D. C. ers and one miniature; one specimen flower of any kind in glass bottle or tube.

the invocation. A poem was read by

