

Boy Scouts of Plymouth, Roper and Creswell have been invited to attend a camporee at Williamston Saturday when Field Commissioner W. Harvey Sharrer, of Severn, and Scout Executive J. J. Sigwald, of Wilson, will be on hand to participate in the training school for scouts in preparation for a meeting of several hundred scouts in Kinston within the next few weeks.

Snow fell here Easter Sunday for the first time in half a cen-tury. Old-timers say that snow has fallen here several times immediately before or after Easter but never on Easter Sunday in years. Temperatures fell to the low twenties also. In 1915 there were several inches of snow on Easter, which came April 4 that year.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Bowen, of Williamston, died in a Washington hospital Friday morning. Mrs. Bowen is the former Miss Mae Dell Wynne, who worked with the Branch Banking & Trust Company here for several years. Interment took place in a Williamston cemetery following the funeral last Saturday

The Roanoke District, Disciples of Christ, will hold their quarterly meeting at Zion's Chapel Chrisian church near here Saturday and Sunday of this week, according to Rev. N. A Taylor, who added that usually a large crowd from churches in surrounding counties attended the event.

H. P. Davis, of Elizabeth City, was here Wednesday on business and said he thought he had a chance to win the Democratic nomination for representative from Perquimans County to the 1941 General Assembly over two opponents.

Fletcher Waters has granted permission to local flying enthusiasts to land pleasure flying craft at the airport on his farm near the golf course, where Mayor John A. Gurkin, of Nor folk, has been landing his ship for several months when he comes here to visit his brother, Fire Chief L. W Gurkin.

W. B. Cox has been made project supervisor of WPA projects in Washington, Martin and Tyrrell Counties Under his supervision sanitary privies are being constructed at the rate of W. M. Darden Elected Presabout 100 monthly for the three counties.

Corporal T. B. Brown has been assigned to duty several hours a day in weighing trucks and directing traffic pressed by cattle growers at a meetover the Currituck bridge, which is ing held in the agriculture building being repaired after having been bad- here Tuesday night, the Eastern Carly damaged by the snow and ice this olina Cattle Breeders and Feeders Aswinter. He returns to Plymouth oc- sociation came into being to provide he will be stationed here regularly again.

W. Herbert Phelps, route one, Plymouth, who was mentioned in the list of delegates chosen to represent this county at a Republican convention, asked the Beacon to state this week that he was not a Republican but was a Dem-

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NOW ON RECORD IN OPPOSITION

Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, March 28, 1940

Advertisers will find Beacon and News Columns a latchkey to 1,500 Washington County homes.

Negro Woman Shot

To Death; Husband

Jailed for Murder

ESTABLISHED 1889

Operations Are Resumed at Pulp Plant Today Following Shutdown for Repairs

Operation of the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company was resumed here today after having been closed for about 10 days for seasonal repairs, it was learned today from O. H. Cox. manager.

There are still about 381 regular shift employees at work, with 250 construction workers employed by the plant and about 200 or less men employed by contractors who are rushing their crews to complete the expansion program that has been under con-

struction for several months. Thirty-nine electricians and

MEET POSTPONED

Because of the fact that Com-

missioner E. F. Swain will be at-

tending Federal court in Wash-

their helpers employed by the plant on construction work walked out last Thursday, but Mr. Cox said that the differences had been settled and the men returned to work this morning.

Mr. Cox said the cause of the strike was due to a misunderstanding and that immediately after it came to his attention all differences were settled by a conference between the managemnt and the workers. Both construction and regular

operation of the plant were moving along rapidly at a smooth pace today



Sermon To Be Preached by Rev. P. B. Nickens on April 21st

new series dated April 1, it was Class and school officials of the losaid today by President E. F. Still. al high school this year are instiuting the custom of having local heretofore has rested almost enninisters in rotation preach the comtirely upon the shoulders of the nencement sermon, Rev. P. B. Nick few directors, but this time the ens, of the Baptist church, being se stockholders will be given an opected to start the procedure with portunity to help in selling both ermon on Sunday, April 21, at 11 full-paid or installment stock. m., it was announced today Principal R. B. Trotman. New Registration Is

Class night will be observed or Wednesday night, April 21, at 8 p. m. in the form of "A Southern Rosary" of the Colonial period, with the folwing taking part: Mary Charlotte ones, salutatorian, with a four-year verage of 93.2 on her studies; Brin-TO DIVERSION OF GASOLINE TAX son Cox, valedictorian, with an average of 93.7 for four years; other parage of 93.7 for four years; other par-ticipants being elected by the class Action Taken by

as follows: Jimmy Hays, giftorian Resolutions to That End Carita Jackson, poet; Douglass Gurkin, statistician; Dorothy Simpson, prophet; and Jack Stubbs, testator. Graduation exercises will be held on

Thursday, April 25. The speaker has not yet been secured. This year's

lass of 23 is smaller than usual because pupils are taking advantage of extra courses offered.

last Wednesday which was read and approve here by Z. V. Norman, vice At Meet Last Week perfected its organization with P. W. Beinkley as chairman, W. J. Marrow, sr., secretary; and J. R. Carr, Repub-

> The registration books were in such condition that it was decided to have a complete new registration so that the Democratic primary, one for the Republican primary, and one book to contain the names of registered voters of both parties for use in the general election in November.

of voters in the county for more than

that it would take much pressure and work to get all of the old voters reregistered, but Mr. Brinkley said that The woodland of the George if the candidates were sufficiently interested they could aid and encourwas reduced from \$10 to \$6 per acre. age voters to register so that they could vote in both the primaries and

It was suggested that the voters W. A. Mizell's woodland in Plym- the election officials decided it would be best to order a complete new reg-

Secretary M. W. Spruill is in receipt of a letter from officials of the State Department of Insurance advising that the earnings of the association justify paying 4 per cent interest on full-paid stock and 5 per cent on installment stock.

Stockholders Asked To Help B. and L.

Ordered for County

With this knowledge and confronted with the urgent need of new houses here, officials and stockholders of the association are getting set for an intensive campaign for the sale of stock.

CANDIDATE

Leamon Alexander To Face Trial for Life Result of Killing Friday

At a preliminary hearing held here his week Leamon Alexander, colored was ordered held without privilege of bond on a first-degree murder charge n connection with the death of his wife, Neci Alexander, who died almost immediately after he had shot her at a local dance hall last Friday night.

Officers said Alexander walked ino the Dreamland Auditorium, colored dance hall, and seeing his wife there, after he had forbidden her going to the place, he pulled a piscol, pressed it against her side, and fired a bullet into her body. She dropped at his feet, and friends, with officers, rushed her to Dr. T. L. Bray's office, where a short time after the fatal shot had been fired she was pronounced dead.

The shooting occurred about 10:15 Friday night, and about 2 o'clock the next morning Alexander was found niding in an unfinished dwelling nouse at the south end of Jefferson Street, where officers said he was making an effort to escape by having a car pick him up.

Officer Paul Basnight, with Joe Nobles accompanying him, found the negro in the unoccupied house in a white neighborhood and he was lodged in jail to await the July term of superior court, when he will go on trial for his life.

Thief Grabs Money At Movie Box Office

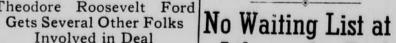
Police today were unable to estabish the identity of the negro who reached a hand through the ticket window of the Plymouth Theatre last Thursday night at 8:10, grabbing be-

ween \$18 and \$25 and escaping with his loot down an alley beside the theatre building

Immediately after being notified, ocal officers nabbed a suspect and held him for several days, releasing him later when Mrs. Jack Frank, the ticket seller, said she could not posiively identify him as the robber.

Shep Brinkley, owner of the thetre, said the negro slipped inside an outer door to the ticket window, grabbed the money hurriedly and es-

Check and Winds Up With 60-Day Term



ington next week, the Washington County commissioners will Modernized toll free ferries over not meet Monday as is the usual Alligator river, Croatan Sound and custom. It is not known now just when the commissioners will meet, but it is understood that it will probably be some time next week, although a definite date for the meeting will be announced later.

Cattlemen Organize At Meet Held Here Last Tuesday Night

ident; L. E. Hassell Vice

President Out of a welter of opinions ex-

the State.' casionally, but does not know when an organization for cattle growers all Alligator River and Croatan Sound over this section to use in group purchasing of facilities and group sales of products with an educational program in animal husbandry included

in the by-laws. an is A nominal fee will be charged for membership in the organization to defray the small expenditures necessary, according to Representative W.

Plymouth, who

Oregon Inlet and emphatic opposi-tion to gasoline tax diversion is con- Equalization Board tained in a resolution passed by the executive committee of the South-ern Albemarle Association at Mantee Makes Few Changes last Wednesday which was read and

Passed at Recent Man-

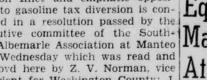
teo Meeting

Oppose Toll Ferries

president for Washington County; J. W. Darden, secretary of Washington County Chamber of Commerce and Most of Claims Result of Representative W. M. Darden. Introduced by I. P. Davis, of Dare County, and prepared by a committee

composed of Wallace Tatem, of Columbia, the resolution reads as follows: "Inasmuch as all-weather, safe transportation is an intergal part of our school system, diversion of gasoline tax funds constitute a handicap

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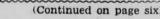


to the equal operation of the schols

and is a direct discrimination against those rural schools of the State which have to depend upon dirt roads, sometimes impassible, in order to enjoy the educational facilities offered by

Further the resolution points out that "ferries operating across the as links in highway No. 64 and the ferry across Oregon Inlet should be modernized and made free from tolls as all other bridges and ferries in

against this section of the State, which in common fairness and de-



Pulpwood Being Cut From Woodlands

Washington's board of county comnissioners, sitting as a board of equalization and review here last eek, heard complaints from more

an 20 persons seeking adjustments n the tax valuations of their prorty but granted only a minor num-

Most of the requests for reductions n valuations came because of wideperad cutting of timber for pulp ood which owners claimed decreasd the value of their forest lands con-

iderably Brooke place owned by E. L. Owens From the Mary E. Bateman land owned by Ethel E. Allen there was an elections.

the State are free from tolls. This an acreage reduction of three and a inexcusable discrimination half acres that was taken by the State names could be copied in new books Highway Commission for a roadway. but after going over the old books,

> outh, township was reduced in valuation by \$145 because of pulp wood istration.

Board of Elections At Meet Saturday Up To Candidates and Party Workers To Get Voters'

Stockholders will be urged to

assist the directors of the Plym-

outh Building and Loan Associa-

tion in the sale of stock in the

tenth series, which is being offer-

ed to the public now, with the

The burden of the stock sale

Meeting in official session at the courthouse here last Saturday mornof Elections ordered a new registraion in each of the five precincts, and

lican, as the third member.

Chairman Brinkley said that since there had been no new registration

25 years he felt it was important to do this work now so that the books could be brought up to date. Some have told Chairman Brinkley

ber of aspirants for the two nominations to be decided in the primary May 25. Wrong Man Gets Pay

Theodore Roosevelt Ford

Names Back on Books

ing, the Washington County Board

three books could be set up, one for

P. G. Gallop, superintendent of Hyde County schools, last week announced his candidacy for the state senate from the second district, bringing to three the num-

ocrat

named president, but the benefits of this organization will greatly out- D. M. Chesson Dies Walter Smith, baseball catcher for weigh them. Hertford when that town was in the

Easter Weather

The organization is the outgrowth old Albemarle League, is making his of a localized plan developed in this home here for a few weeks while checking on filling stations in Wash- county, but now, with the new name ington County for samples of the and the by-laws adopted by the orproducts that they sell for a state ganization Tuesday night, membership is eligible to cattlemen all over agency.

the eastern part of the state.

Fred P. Latham, of Belhaven, visited a meeting recently and told of another cattle grower, is a prospective member. Van G. Taylor, W. O. Ab-

bitt, and L. P. Lawrence are Martin Easter Sunday snow followed by freezing weather the first part of this County members. Scores of other week proved costly to plants and pos- cattle growers from surrounding sibly to fruit trees, but farmers in counties are expected to join the orthis county hesitate to offer an esti- ganization. mate of the extent of the damage. Officers are L. E. Hassell, Roper,

been done to tobacco plant beds, but it is understood that fruit trees and tender plants were the principal suf-ferers. One farmer said some damage had

Planters were agreed that the cold weather would retard the growth of tobacco plants and delay transplant-tobacco plants and delay transplantassistant director in charge of the ing from one to two weeks. Some Blackland Experiment Station. went as far as to predict a shortage of plants and a scarcity of fruit as a result of the cold weather.

Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Ambrose Dies

L. I. Case, of Raleigh, specialist in animal husbandry at State College, animal husbandry at State context, and Paul Fletcher, marketing expert, Fingerprinting and Sleuth- in their new auditorium chairs, inthat this was a good section for cattle growing in a small way.

It is expected that when the or-The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. ganization becomes fully launched. Rankin Ambrose died in a Washingthe membership would represent the ton hospital at 3:30 Wednesday morning. The report reaching here ownership of close to 1,000 cattle in indicated that Mrs. Ambrose was also the surrounding counties. The assovery ill. No funeral arrangements ciation is non-profit and will be operated similar to mutual exchanges. had been made today.



Opportunities for the production of beef cattle abound in this section of North Carolina either on an extensive scale or as a supplementary enterprise, it was said today by L. I. Case, specialist in animal husbandry, N. C. Seate College, who was here this week visiting County Agent W. V. Hays.

"Carefully kept records at the **Blackland Experiment station at** Wenona show that native reed pasture will carry the main herd of cattle for about nine months of the year, and calves running with their dams on this type of

grazing from May 1 to weaning time in November, will average from 300 to 400 pounds," it was pointed out by Mr. Case.

"There are thousands upon thousands of acres of this type of grazing that are not now being utilized, said Mr. Case, who added that "it is felt that such areas will be more grenerally used for cattle grazing on a large scale." Another advantage of this section of the State is the large sur plus feed production, and in the Blackland area much corn is often a surplus crop, concluded Mr. Case.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Durward Mackey Chesson, 67, who was found dead sitting on a divan at the Washington

At County Home

ing through the lobby. Heart trou- night at 7:30. Special music will be give a rendition of Fred B. Holton's his experience with his herd of 150 ble was said to have caused his sud-Damages Plants his experience with his herd of 150 ble was said to have caused his sud-cattle. Robert Everet, of Palmyra, den death. The Rev. M. R. Gardner, choir. Roper Methodist minister, officiated. Interment took place in the Chesson home place cemetery.

For about 30 years Mr. Chesson was thern Railroad bridge near Mackeys

W. R. Chesson, of Portsmouth. Planters were agreed that the cold Greensboro shoe-store supervisor, who has about 200 cattle on his T-Ranch Two Negroes Held At Roper Last Week

> ing by Officers Gets Results

A little fingerprinting by Corporal Tom B. Brown, of the Highway Pa- ing after years in the old badly control, in cooperation with the sleuthing efforts of Sheriff J. K. Reid and Chief of Police L. C. Snell, of Roper, resulted in a couple of negroes being knowledge is vain unless. God dwells court on charges of robbery, followial session of recorder's court here Wednesday morning.

Corporal Brown secured fingerprints from a glass window that was broken in the barber shop of Percy Anthony in Roper one night last week and sent them to Greenville, along with fingerprints taken of Isaiah Hill, and expert Bowen Dorsey said the prints on the glass and those of Hill tallied. Spurred on by this discovery, the officers went to the home of Elmer Norman, where they found \$5 in nickels alleged to have been taken

from a musical instrument and slot machine when Anthony's barber shop was entered. A shoe worn by one of the defend-

ants, coupled with tracks found about the scene of the robbery, also provided additional evidence upon which the negroes were ordered held on the robbery charge.

ut from the land Mrs. Jessie D. McNair had three acres taken from her taxable property because of a cemetery on the land.

Rev. B. B. Slaughter Will Preach in Mackeys Sunday

The Rev. B. B. Slaughter, of Eliza beth City, district superintendent of

provided by the Roper community

Immediately following the sermon. the second quarterly conference of the Roper charge. Officials of the Tom Furness, jr. Other members of a bridge tender for the Norfolk Sou- church urge a large attendance.

Surviving is a sister, Mrs. George New Auditorium at Roger Chesson, Eva Chesson, Mrs. W. Dixon, of Roper, and one brother, New Auditorium at Pearl Bray, Mrs. Hattie Bell, Mrs. A. **Creswell Now in Use**

> Students of the 12 grades in the Creswell school assembled for the was accompanist. new \$85,000 school plant Tuesday aft-

ernoon as the high school band, under the direction of Bob Merritt, played several march selections. stalled last week, Principal A. T. Brooks and Dr. G. A. Martin, Baptist minister, spoke to the students who were elated to be in the new buildgested structure.

Dr. Martin conducted the devotionals and told the students that "all their lives." while Principal Brooks of whom had not atended a chapel exercise during school hours since

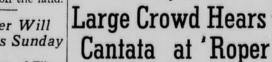
building was divided into classrooms.

ASKS COOPERATION

Chief of Police P. W. Brown today urged citizens not to put trash and refuse on the streets Saturday mornings after the trash truck has passed, as it will remain in front of the homes on Sunday, presenting a very unsightly appearance.

Mr. Brown did not give the schedule of the trucks, as he said most of the citizens knew about the time the truck passed their

The county board will meet on April 6 to appoint registrars and judges of elections.



Roper .--- In spite of a driving snow-County home Tuesday afternoon by the Methodist church, will preach at storm Sunday night, a good congrecantata, "The Thorn-Crowned King,"

at the Roper Methodist church. Solo parts were taken by Miss Marthe Rev. Mr. Slaughter will conduct garet Chesson, Mrs. Eula Chesson, Mrs. M. R. Gardner, R. W. Lewis, and

the choir were: Alma Knowles, Mrs. H. M. Williams, Katherine Leary, Mrs.

lean Peacock, Mrs. Milton Chesson, Jesse C. Knowles and B. B. Spencer

Mrs. M. R. Gardner directed the cantata and Mrs. Hyacinth Mizzell

District Meeting of Methodist Laymen Will Be Held Here

To Gather at Local Methodist Church Sunday Afternoon

Stewards of Methodist churches in the Elizabeth City district will gather held for the July term of superior in and acts as a motivating force in in the Plymouth Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock to dising a preliminary hearing at a spec- dwelled on the perfect order in the cuss the theme of "Stewardship, line of march of the students, many with John R. Jenkins, jr., of Wash ington, district lay leader, in charge The Scripture lesson will be read by C. G. Morris, of Washington, past district lay leader. Prayer will be offered by B. W. Evans, of Edenton. associate district lay leader. Mr. Jenkins will present a report on the conference board of lay stewardship

activities. Rev. B. B. Slaughter, of Elizabeth City, district superintendent, will speak on "District Stewardship." J. A. Holmes, of Edenton, will talk on "Christian Stewardship," and D. S. Berry, of Swan Qaurter, will speak on "Responsibilities and Privileges of

a Methodist Steward." Z. V. Norman, of Plymouth, will make an address on "Stewardship Through Fellowship." C. S. Meckins, of Wanchese, will pronounce the benediction.

Involved in Deal This is the story of a check which

was paid at its face value at the bank, but four persons interested in the transactions connected with it were each in turn embarrassed by it, so officers were called in to smooth out it was announced today by Mrs. Luhe confusion.

The first to handle the check was a local industrial plant, which issued the rental shelf. Keeper L. L. Basnight as he was pass- Mackeys Methodist church Sunday gation heard the community choir the check to a man named Downing,

cash it.

Then Downing went down Saturday and called for the check. Heads ached until it was found in the bank, with Mr. Scherr's name on it as endorser. Officers next apprehended Ford, who was identified as the negro who had Mr. Scherr cash it.

Tuesday morning in recorder's court, where the whole business was aired out, it was found that the industrial plant's clerks gave the check to Ford instead of Downing, and they were out \$12.47; Mr. Scherr was out a lot of worry; and Ford was ordered by the court to be taken out of circulation for a period of 60 days, dur-

ing which time he will devote his efforts and talents to the affairs of the county.

dered by Recorder J. W. Darden Tues day morning to contribute \$5 monthimpossible to live with

Library for Books

In the future there will be no waiting list for books on the rental shelf of the Washington County Library on the second floor of the courthouse. la Jackson, librarian, who said she

had been instructed not to reserve books for any one at any time from

With this new ruling, Mrs. Jackson but, through an error, it was turned also announced new libarary hours over to Theodore Roosevelt Ford, who except Saturday and Sunday: and had Sam Scherr, local merchant, to from 2 to 5 p. m. every day except Sunday.

Mrs. Jackson also said that the folliwing books would be placed in the library on the rental shelf in a short time: "The Crying Sisters," "Eastwood in Eden," "The Late George Apley." "Stranger Within the Gates," "Song After Midnight." "Red

Lanterns on St. Michaels," "Finder's Keepers," "The Trees," "Native Son," "Nazarene," "No Hands on the Clock," and "Thus Dr. Mallory,'

Mrs. Harry Barnes Dies Suddenly at Cherry

A report has reached here that Mrs. Harry Barnes, wife of a Cherry merchant and a school teacher in Washington County, died suddenly last

Willie Wynn, negro, was also or- night at her home.

It was reported that she was standing beside a child when she suddenly lytoward the support of his two chil- fell and died almost immediately. No dren. His wife claimed she found him details concering the funeral could be learned here today.

\$161,000 Allotted To Twelve Counties For Repairing Roads Damaged by Cold

estimate the share of Washington County in the \$161,000 allocated to the second division by W. Vance Baise, State highway engineer at Raleigh, for the purpose of repairing state and county highways that were damaged by the recent severe winter. Counties to share in this fund Beaufort, Pamlico, Craven, Cartaret, Onslow, Jones, Lenoir, Greene and Pitt. All of these counties with the exception of Hyde are larger than Washington and if the usual procedure is followed most of the money will be used before this county can claim a large share. A total of \$86,900 will be spent

on repairing State highways in

the 12 counties in the division while \$75,000 will be spent on pairing county highways.

The su mof \$1,887,000 was apportioned by the State Highway official to the 10 State highway divisions embracing all of 100 counties. This sum was apportioned to the divisions for immediate use in repairing damaged highways.

As the money is earmarked only for repairing highways, there will be none of this fund used on construction of new roads propects in the county nor for hardsurfacing roads that are now impassible during the winter months

Officials here today could not

