Dr. C. B. Herman, brother of Mrs

J. W. Marrow, and V. C. Schley, retired theatre man, both of Statesville

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nine years ago on a similar trip. They Miss Esther George, of Nicholas,

W. Va., is now employed at Arps Pharmacy here as clerk. She arrived Monday and went to work Tuesday

Ed Smalley, of Delair, N. J., comptroller of the Kieckhefer Container Corporation, was here this week on his regular visit to the North Carolina Pulp Company. He has been coming here at intervals for several years since the company located its

The Beacon still has some of the Navy booklets left for those who are interested in enlisting in the Navy or Naval Reserve. They may be obtained by postal card request or by calling at the office for them. Taras Ivahiuw, local young man who recently joined the Navy, stated while here last week that he liged this branch of the service very well.

Game Warden and Mrs. J. T. Terry, their daughter, Stella, and son, Tommy, and Mrs. Georgia Allen visited Miss Catherine Terry in Wilmington Sunday. Miss Terry is employed as a nurse in a hospital there.

attended the district meeting of the Grady Chesson, former local young Congress of Parents and Teachers in man who now lives in Edenton, was Creswell yesterday, when Mrs. J. M injured last week-end when an auto- Parker, of Ahoskie, was elevated from mobile he was driving turned over on the post of publicity director to that the Windsor-Edenton highway, damaging the car badly. 13 sustained cuts about the head and ruises.

Since no quotas were assigned to Washington County for the October and November calls for selective service, it is believed by local board officials that a fairly large number will be called to enter the army in December and January.

George Basil Dixon, a brother of Lean, Washington county superin-Miss Irene Dixon, member of the tendent of schools; A. T. Brooks, prin-Plymouth High School faculty, was cipal of the Creswell school; and Mrs. recently pledged for membership in E. S. Woodley, president of the Cres-Alpha Zeta, national honorary agri- well Parent-Teacher Association. culture fraternity. Mr. Dixon is a senior at State Colelge. His home is Mrs. J. S. Blair, president of the in Kings Mountain, and he attended North Carolina Congress of Parents Bailey Springs Junior College.

H. W. Pritchett, member of the Carolina, Greensboro. Participating town board and prominent merchant in the discussions were Dr. H. A. Creswell, was in Plymouth Monday. He said that it was very dry and dusty down the county and that there were fervent hopes among the people of outh; and John A. Holmes, superinthat section that there would soon

### 13 Future Farmers From Here Attend State Fair

Thirteen members of the Plymouth Future Farmers of America chapter attended the State Fair last week, according to Oliver Lucas, chapter reporter, who said that the agriculture exhibits, the displays of farm machinery and the unusual livestock exhibits proved most interesting to the

The boys spent Friday at the fair, remained overnight in tourist cabins in Raleigh and visited interesting places about the Capital City Satur-

Those going on the trip were Pete Browning, Billie Allen, Warren Robbins, Oliver Lucas, L. B. Hardison, James Porter, Miles Sitterson, Bobby Rea, Ralph LeFever, Marshall Ange, Walter Grimes, Clayton Modlin and Gerald Furbee.

### Native Is Staff Advisor On Prize-Winning Paper

of J. O. Everett here, is staff advisor key in it in front of their home about October 28, Roper school building, and director of photography for the 6:30 Sunday evening. Tharps is al- for Lees Mills and the western part Stratford Traveller, a bi-weekly pub- leged to have stolen the automobile of Skinnersville townships; and Wedlication of Stratford College in Dan- and began a trip which ended when nesday night, October 29, at the agville, Va., which again this year was he struck a post at the entrance gate ricultural building in Plymouth. for awarded the International Honor of the North Carolina Pulp Company Plymouth township. It is also unrating in the 1941 annual contest of about 30 minutes later. the National Quill and Scroll.

on a point score attained by the Originally the Buick cost about \$1365 ings start at 7:30 p. m. paper in competition with other and the owner doubts that he can get

May, a teacher in the journalism at about \$1,000. department of the college, is largely The negro sustained a broken leg responsible for the general excellent and other injuries, but was not critiqualities of the paper.

#### Plans are being made now to enroll about three times as many county members in the American Red Cross this year as became members during the 1940 roll call, it was stated today by John W. Darden, chairman of the Wash-

ington County chapter. Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home demonstration agent, has been named chairman of the annual roll call campaign, which will be held in the county between November 11 and 30, according to Mr. Darden, who added that

Of District PTA in

Creswell Yesterday

Interesting Program Is Pre-

sented at Annual Meet

For Ninth District

Exactly 165 members of parent-

teacher associations from 12 counties

Delegates were present from every

parent-teacher association in the 12

counties except one. The invitation

to meet next October at Poplar

Branch School in Currituck County

The meeting was called to order by

group singing under the direction of

Charles W. Overman, of Edenton. Dr.

G. A. Martin, of Creswell, conducted

a brief devotional service, followed

by greetings extended by H. H. Mc-

Principal speeches were made by

and Teachers; C. W. Phillips, of the

Woman's College, University of North

Lewis, district health officer, of Plym-

and W. T. Crutchfield, of Columbia,

superintendent of the Tyrrell County

Mrs. Alice Futrell, field worker for

the State Highway Safety Division.

also made a talk to the gathering.

Mrs. E. N. Howell, of Swannonoa

a question hour and panel discussion

Joseph Tharps, local young colored

trial next Tuesday on charges of steal

automobile while under the influence

of ntoxicants.

Car is Stolen and

was accepted.

Shirley Young, an employee of the North Carolina Pulp Company, would assist in the roll call campaign. It was planned that a thorough canvass for members of the Junior Red Cross will be made in both the white and colored schools of the county. The names of all members enrolled will be acknowledged by publication in The Roanoke Beacon.

Last year, there were about 360 adults members of the Red Cross in the county, and it was stated

#### that the need is so great this year that Red Cross officials urged the quota for the county be tripled

chairman of the Red Cross, says that "all services of the American Red Cross have been expanded to meet unprecedented needs created by the national defense program and the war relief operations abroad, and to carry on these broader tasks, a vast increase in the society's member-

### 165 Attend Meeting Sawmill Workers To Get Pay Raise

Increased wages for certain

A minimum of 35 cents an hour in the lumber industry will go into effect next month. However, the new wage inceases will benefit only those workers who are engaged in the production of goods for interstate commerce.

the industry committees.

## Farm Meetings Will Be Held in County Most of the first day's session Monday was consumed in selecting a jury 3 Nights Next Week terday, Clarence Alexander, one of the jurors, was taken suddenly ill

Urge Large Attendance To Get Best Available Men On AAA Committee

been mostly a reduction and control Thorson, Hal Stevers and Paul A. Reid, of Elizabeth City; Dr. S. V. main feature, but a need has arisen tendent of the Edenton city schools. Agent W. V. Hays, who urges a large School officials of the section presattendance of farmers at the three AAA districts meetings that will be ent included: M. P. Jennings, of Elizheld in the county next week for the abeth City, superintendent of Paselection of local and county commitquotank County schools; J. A. Holmes superintendent of Edenton schools;

However, Mr. Hays pointed out, 1942 program other than on certain commodities which require an infense. These commodities, it is understood, include peanuts and soyfield representative of the PTA, led beans.

In urging a large attendance at in each community are needed as committeemen; men who are quali-Wrecked Sunday fied for the jo band men whom the court was granting a divorce to Geor-farmers can trust; men who can gia P. Houston from Phillip J. Housgive some time to the job, as the ton, on the grounds of two years of 1942 committeemen will be called separation; and awarding Mrs. Franman, was in jail this week awaiting upon to make up-to-date adjustments necessitating that every farming an automobile owned by A. Lloyd er in the county be interviewed by Hutchins, for the support of his wife Owens and wrecking it Sunday night. the committeemen before the first He is also charged with driving an of the year.

lows: Monday night, October 27, at in the case. Mr. Owens was out of town, and Creswell school building, for Scuphis wife had been using their 1941 pernong and eastern part of Skinderstood that county committeemen The car was almost completely de- will be elected Wednesday night after Surplus-Removal Program This award, the highest, was based molished in the impact with the gate. the township meeting here. All meet-

Three regular committeement and schools' publications throughout the more than \$300 for it. It had only two alternates will be elected at each United States. The Traveller was ac- been driven about 5,000 miles. Mr. of the community meetings. The and did not have any insurance of ty of administering the 1942 program are elected.

## Mrs. W. M. Pierce Passes Saturday

Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Mar- the reception of peanuts. The prices Saturday at the home of Mrs. E. O. in 1940, when 3 1-4 cents per pound Ditsworth at the pulp mill village were guaranteed. Mr. Clark said that here as the result of a heart ailment, although he and Mr. Davenport had Interment took place at the Harrel's not yet received definite instructions, Church cemetery in Mississippi.

health for about six months. She 41/2 cents per pound for peanuts which was born in Flamington, Ala., on grade 65 per cent meat content. April 30, 1886. She came here from Mobile, Ala., about two months ago.

Her body was prepared for burial open market for peanuts. t Horner's Funeral Home here. Vester W. Pierce, all of Mobile, Ala. rector for about four years.

# if at all possible. Norman H. Davis, the national

ship is required."

## Juror Becomes Ill; Superior Court Ends Session Wednesday

Harrison-Darden Case Had Been on Trial for Most Of Three Days

The October civil term of Washington County Superior Court, with siding, came to an abrupt close here ries of accidents. Wednesday afternoon, due to the illness of a juror, after being in session for three days with but little to show for its efforts.

The following related cases had as a single case when the court was forced to suspend: N. H. Harrison, jr., vs. Neva C. Darden and S. F. Darden; N. H. Harrison, jr., vs. Mrs. Gertrude A. Darden and P. H. Darden; P. H. Darden and C. L. Weeks vs. N. H. Harrison, jr., et al.; N. H. Harrison, jr., et al, vs. Roanoke Railroad and Lumber Company, et al.

the jurors, was taken suddenly ill with appendicitis and could not continue. It was agreed by the plaintiffs and defendants to submit the case to a referee, who will report on findings of fact as to betterments damages, rents, issues and profits Up until now the farm program has The referee, Malcolm Paul, was to consider the facts, conclusions of law program with soil building as the and report them at the January term of superior court. Each side was for increased acreages of certain granted 20 days in which to pay to commodities, according to County the court funds necessary to defray the expense of the hearing, and each side reserved the right to file exceptions to the findings.

Evidence in the case tended to show that P. H. Darden and others had were interested. At a previous session of superior court it was held that crease in acreage for national de- Mr. Darden did not have clear title to the land, and Mr. Harrison entered suit for rents and damages to the land caused by removal of timber, etc., while Mr. Darden and oththe meetings next week, Mr. Hays ers are asking for compensation for pointed out that the very best men improvements, including clearing the land for cultivation, and the like.

The only other action taken at the ces Chesson Hutchins \$35 per month alimony from her husband, C. Edley and child, beginning with the month of October, 1941. The defendant was The schedule of meetings is as fol- also ordered to pay the court costs

## Mrs. Gordon Hill May, daughter Buick sedan, which was left with the nersyille townships; Tuesday night, Peanut Warehouses To Open in County **About November 1st**

To Be in Effect Again This Year

Warehouses will be opened in corded 920 points out of a possible Owens said he paid cash for the car committeemen will have responsibili- Plymouth, and possibly Creswell. around November 1, by J. E. Daven-It was understood here that Mrs. any kind on it. He estimated his loss in the communities from which they port and W. H. Clark to assist in the peanut surplus-removal program for 1941, according to Mr. Davenport, who said today that the local group was ready whenever the government authorized them to open the ware-

Again this year the Peanut Growers Cooperative will operate the pro-Funeral services were held in the gram through local groups, who will it is now hoped to soon put in hard-Harrell's Church at Lucedale, Miss., provide the storage warehouses for wood floors, which it is estimated will garet Mahalia Pierce, 55, who died to be paid farmers will be higher than done on the rectory on Main Street. it was believed the price would be Mrs. Pierce had been in declining pegged by the cooperative at about

Mr. Davenport said it was likely the cleaners would pay a little above She was a member of a Baptist the cooperative's fixed prices for pea-Her husband was the late nuts, if they want them, but he said William Monroe Pierce, of Mobile, it was not yet certain that cleaners and manufacturers would be in the

Mayon Parker, Ahoskie publisher Mrs. Pierce is survived by the fol- is president of the cooperative, and lowing children: Mrs. E. O. Dits- L. E. Hassell, of Roper, is one of the worth, Plymouth; Mrs. Artis Lanner, directors of the peanut cooperative the choir Sunday morning, and the Ollie R. Pierce, Jesse E. Pierce and again this year. He has been a di- public is cordially invited to all our

### are in the county this week on a bear hunting trip. Mr. Schley was here nine years ago on a similar trip. They have been on several hunts during Of Red Cross in County During Campaign And Auto Involved In Accident Today

Nobody Seriously Hurt, but \$500 Damage Done; Fog And Smoke Cause

A Norfolk Southern passenger bus, wo trucks and a car were damaged an estimated \$500 worth as the result of a four-way smash-up on Highway 64 about half-way between Plymouth and Roper early this morning during a heavy fog and smoke pall, which made travel dangerous on highways in this section.

Lee Sadler, of Edenton, was comng toward Plymouth and was said to have been over the center of the road when he collided with a truck. operated by Clarence Taper, colored, and owned by R. S. Browning, of Plymouth. The Norfolk Southern bus, bound from Washington to Norfolk, ran into the rear of the Taper truck after the first collision and a little later a furniture truck, owned by the Woolard Furniture Company of Williamston, and operated by W J. Woolard, ran into the rear of the bus. Four passengers, including one white and two colored women and a white man, were slightly bruised, but Judge Leo Carr, of Burlington, pre- no one was seriously hurt in the se-

All of the vehicles were said to have been traveling very slowly, due to the difficult driving conditions. County Forest Warden S. F. Darden said that the smoke which was mixed been combined and were being heard with the fog was caused by a ground fire, a smoldering fire which burns into the ground and causes the soil to cave in, and that it was not caused by a forest fire among trees above the ground.

Sheriff J. K. Reid investigated the

# and after hearing evidence until yes-terday. Clarence Alexander, one of Home of Daughter

Morrattock Church; Final Rites Monday

Funeral services were held at the ome of Mrs. Clyde Cahoon on Main Mrs. Sarah McCoskey Harrison, 89, who died Sunday as the result of infollowing an illness of only one week. conducted the last rites and interment took place in Grace Episcopal purchased at a tax sale a tract of land in the Long Acre section in which N. H. Harrison, jr., and others

| Ambassador to Mexico Josephus | Church cemetery. The Morrattock church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Ambassador to Mexico Josephus | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Ambassador to Mexico Josephus | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Ambassador to Mexico Josephus | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Ambassador to Mexico Josephus | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Ambassador to Mexico Josephus | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of her favorite hymns. | Church choir sang several of h

about 67 years ago to make her home. in July, 1874, to Samuel Thomas Har- at the meeting today. rison, of Plymouth, who preceded her to the grave several years ago.

She was the oldest member of his-Matthews McCoskey, of Martin Couning for the 17-A designation.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Almedia Harrison Barden, of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Minnie Harrison Cahoon, of Plymouth. She also leaves nine grandchildren and seven great-

Nephews of Mrs. Harrison served Dennis Coburn, of Dardens; R. L. Fair in Raleigh last week. and Hubert Coburn, of Williamston; Lonnie Coburn and former mayor ther W. Gurkin, of Plymouth.

Improvements Being Made

made to the historical Grace Episcopal church here, according to Julian ter members were Jesse Harrington, tive in recent months.

The church has been repainted on the inside, the basement cleaned, a chimney built, furnace repaired, and cost about \$600. Work has also been

### Program of Services at Local Methodist Church

Rev. O. L. HARDWICK Pastor "The Christian's World Mission" will be the subject of the sermon by the Rev. O. L. Hardwick at the local Methodist church Sunday morning. At 7:30 in the evening Mr. Hardwick will preach again on the topic

"You Can Find God." Other services for the day are: Church school at 9:45. Junior League at 2 p. m.

Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Special music will be furnished by

# WPA Gives 49.9 Per Cent Total of School Needs in This County

## **Marketing Cards** Must Be Returned

Tobacco farmers are asked to return their marketing cards as soon as possible to the office of County Agent W. V. Hays, after they complete selling their crop, according to Nick Porter, chief clerk in the agent's office. It was explained that the cards are checked against allotments, this method affording an opportunity detect irregular marketing activities, if any exist. It is also understood that soil conservation payments will be withheld until the cards are returned.

In cases where farmers have lost their cards, they are urged to take their bills of sale and report to the office of the county agent where their tobacco sales for the season may be checked.

Mr. Porter said that all cards should be in the office within 10 days after the farmer completes the marketing of his crops, and so far only about 100 of the approximately 250 issued have been returned.

# Number From Here Attending Southern

Speaker at Session in Swan Quarter Today

A number of local people left this County to attend the annual meet- building for the white schools here Was Oldest Member of ing of the Southern Albemarle As- at \$33,310. The WPA will pay 56.4 president of the organization for of \$18,781, with the county, as spongroup.

It was reported that the following would attend the meeting unless Street here Monday afternoon for last-minute changes in plans were made: Mrs. Claudius McGowan, Mrs W. F. Winslow, John W. Darden, Mr. firmities of age and complications, Whitley, W. H. Paramore, P. W. Brown, Dr. E. W. Furgurson, and pos-Elder W. Stubbs, of Martin County, sibly others of the 50 official delegates named from the county.

teo, is president of the association Born at Poplar Point, in Martin and Walter H. Paramore, of Plym-County, December 3, 1851, Mrs. Har- outh, is secretary. There is a vice that skilled labor must be used in rison came to Washington County president from each of the four counties. Hyde, Tyrrell, Dare and Wash-She spent a few years in Chapel Hill ington. It is understood that Long with her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Ca- Acre and Bath Townships, along with The contributions by the WPA are hoon, and lived the remainder of the Pantego and Belhaven, in Beaufort based on man-hours of labor by untime in Plymouth. She was married County, may apply for membership skilled workmen. It does not pay

It was predicted this morning that the organization would make plans to assist Washington County in its ston WPA office, that agency will put torical Morrattock Primitive Baptist efforts to have the route from Washchurch, near Plymouth, and was one ington through Plymouth over the projects, and the county will have to of the most active members until age Albemarle Sound bridge to Hertford raise \$42,838, making the total cost limited her work for the church. She designated as U. S. Highway No. 17-A. of the projects \$84,495. remained a staunch and loyal mem- A resolution was included in the asber until her death. Her parents sociation's road program adopted at were the late Eli and Mrs. Beadie Ann a meeting in June of last year ask-

# 20 Members Creswell Ag

Twenty members of the vocational agriculture class of the Creswell High School, accompanied by their teachas pall-bearers: Sam, Roland and er. A. H. Tucker, attended the State

Members of the Creswell FFA chapter on the trip were: Leon Halsey, John A. Gurkin, of Norfolk; and Lu- Howard Leo Davenport, Aldridge Ambrose, Fred Collins, Harold L. Woodley, Harold Gibbs, Chelcie Phelps, Leroy Davenport, Floyd Davenport, Zephie Phelps, Wendell Haire, Delton ley. Those accompanying the chap- p. m., evening worship, Brinkley, chairman of the building Edward Patrick, O. D. Hatfield, C. A. ice committe, which has been very ac- Ledford, Raymond Gibbs and Hilton

## Would Provide New **Building and Added** Rooms in Plymouth

Estimated That Three Projects Will Cost Total Of \$84,495

Grants for 49.9 per cent of the toal of \$84,495 imperatively needed for immediate improvements and additions to three school building in the county were made recently by the Williamston office of the Work Projects Administration. The applications for the three county projects, after being approved in Williamston, were sent to the Raleigh office for review, from where they will go on to the national office in Washington, D. C. There is still no indication as to when actual construction work may

pe started. It was pointed out by H. H. Mc-Lean, county superintendent of public instruction, that the figures in the grant were based on estimates of the total expenditure as prepared by engineers of the Williamston WPA office, and they are about \$4,000 more than the estimate made by Frank Benton, of Wilson, architect for the county board of education.

Improvements at the Roper colored school include the addition of six rooms and a library to the frame structure there. The cost was esti-Albemarle Meeting mated by Mr. Benton several months ago at about \$17,000. The increased Most of the first day's session Mon- Mrs. S. T. Harrison Josephus Daniels Is Main the WPA officials. The WPA agreed to take care of 50.3 per cent of the cost, or \$10,220. The county will be required to put up \$10,098.

The WPA engineers estimated the morning for Swan Quarter in Hyde cost of an entirely new primary sociation, with W. L. Whitley, vice per cent of this amount, or a total Washington County, as leader of the sor, to put up \$14,529. The building proposed here will include 6 classrooms, a rest room, book stock room and a small office.

Estimates of the cost of additions needed to provide adequate classroom facilities at the Plymouth High School total \$30,867. The WPA will contribute 41.2 per cent of this amount, or a total of \$12,717, and the county will be required to put up the remaining \$18,150. The pro-Ambassador to Mexico Josephus posed addition will have four rooms be 50 feet long. The contribution toward the cost of this addition by putting on the new roof and installing a heating plant for the entire any part of the cost of skilled labor

Based on the figures given Superintendent McLean by the Williamup a total of \$41,657 on the three

### John C. Rodman Speaks To Men's Club Tuesday

John C. Rodman, Washington attorney, was speaker at a meeting of Class at Fair Last Week the Men's Club of Grace Episcopal Church held at The Pines Tuesday night. There were 20 persons present at the meeting, and reports were received from several committees. T. W. Earle presided in the absence of P. Bruce Bateman, the president. R. A. Duvall served as secretary.

#### Baptist Pastor Announces Services for Coming Week Rev. J. M. JOHNSON, Pastor

The program of services for Sun-At Local Episcopal Church Sexton, Loumas Swain, Guilford Fur. day, October 26, is as follows: 10 a. lough, Benny Furlough, Delton Am- m., the church teaching the Bible; Extensive improvements are being brose, Leon Hassell and Aubrey Wood- 11 a. m., the church at worship; 7:30 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, prayer serv-

> We urge you to come worship with us in these services.

## Total of Sixty Houses Will Be Built at 'Little Richwood' Development Here

Fairly reliable reports are in circulation that a total of 60 lowcost dwellings will be built in the "Little Richwood" development, located on property formerly known as Brinkley's Woods, just west of the town of Plymouth city limits. Thirty of the originally planned 38 houses have just about been completed and work is underway on about 10 more.

The houses are being built for employees of the North Carolina Pulp Company, which arranged financial assistance for their workmen to pay for the new homes. Some of the owners are understood to be planning to apply for loans from mortgage lending institutions to enlarge and complete the houses in the manner they wish. It is said that some will add back porches, others will add bedrooms, and some want to put in new closets or make other additions. They are planning to do this work themselves, as the money paid as rent is applied to the purchase price and the homes become their own after they have lived in them for a definite period of town.

A half acre of ground is available with each of the houses which have five and six rooms. Pumps have been placed on the lots to supply water.

# Section Is in Grip of Worst Drought in Years; No Rain Since Late in August

cally hurt.

Without rain since August 22, this section is faced with a serious drought that has caused the loss of hundreds of dollars in farm crops, although the dry spell did not come during the main crop season.

Fall gardens and winter cover crops have been seriously damaged. It is reported that the sweet potato crop has been curtailed by the extended dry weather, and the peanut crop has suffered severe damage also. The dry weather has also aggravated the forest fire menace.

Withholding complaint following a fairly good harvest, farmers and residents of the county are doing the best they can in view of the situation. Some wells have dried up, and many people are hauling water from the homes of neighbors or are sinking pumps deeper into the earth. Swamps and small streams have dried up completely. Fish are reported dying along the beds of small streams.

low point.

The Roanoke River is reaching a very low point all along its course. In this section the water level is being boosted by the tide, but reports from farther up the river are to the effect that the stream has reached a new

The weather man has not promised any immediate relief. The rainfall has not been over a fraction of an inch during the last two months.

#### saw mill workers in Washington County, as well as over the nation, will become effective November 3, according to an announcement by Forrest H. Shu-

ford, Commissioner of Labor of North Carolina.

The minimum wage for saw mill workers is 30 cents an hour now. This means a 5 cents an hour increase under the wage and hour law, recommended by