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James L. Lee, of the Manning Motor Company, attended the second annual truck-sales training council held in Philadelphia, Pa., Thursday of last week. The training council, one of 12 held in other parts of the country, was organized to better acquaint truck sales managers and salesmen in Ford dealerships with the Ford Motor Company's truck sales program.

Dr. A. L. Whitehurst attended the regular quarterly meeting of the Eastern district, North Carolina Chiropractic Association, at Edenton Wednesday. Dr. George H. Byba, of Edenton, was host. The business session was held at Dr. Byba's office and supper was served the group at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Byba.

It isn't known whether Regis-ter of Deeds J. Robert Campbell hoped to escape the terrific heat this section has been sweltering vacation, but at any rate he, Mrs. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Campbell, of Wilmington, left last Friday for a motor trip through Florida (that's where last Friday for a motor trip through Florida (that's where cold-ridden northerners go in the winter, you know). The Campbell's expect to return to Plymouth Monday.

Some child has lost his or her doggie, according to L. S. Skiles, who says a nice little dog, with a dark back, brown sides and white feet, "took up" at his home on Wilson Street about two weeks ago and has been there since. He doesn't pay much attention to grown folks, but likes all children according to Mr. Skiles, who hopes the owner will call for it soon before he and his children become too much attached to it.

County School Superintendent Roy F. Lowry attended a Resource Youth Education meeting in Chapel Hill Wednesday and Thursday of last week. On his return he dropped in at a Dur-ham hospital to see L. E. Hassell, of Roper, chairman of the county board of education, who was recuperating from a nose opera-tion. Mr. Hassell has since returned to his home and is reported to be getting along very well.

Woodrow Collins, Robert E. Bowen, W. J. Woolard, Mack W. Marrow and J. Roy Manning, sr., are leaving today for Linville, where they will spend 10 days. They will be joined there by Garland G. Woolard and Jack Manning, of Williamston, and John Rise, of Roanoke, Va. Between them, they are planning to take the golf course at the mountain resort to pieces.

Amvets May Try To Organize Here trip on the Plymouth Sea Scout plain and humble and sounded as Ship "Albemarle," according to messages received this week from be done and that he would earn-

Tobacco Prices Up Town, County Boards Tobacco Prices Up Will Meet on Monday Monday as Border

County and town governing bodies will hold their regular monthly meetings here next Monday. The county commis-sioners and county board of education will meet in the courthouse Monday morning, while the Plymouth City Council will meet in the municipal building here Monday night at

8 o'clock. Routine business was on the agenda for the sessions general-ly. Nothing special is scheduled to come before the county commissioners, so far as could be learned yesterday. Members of on the well.

the board of education probably will have some new teacher contracts to review and also will consider the building pro-jects now in progress, as well as plans for opening of all coun-

ty schools on September 3. A comparatively light session is in prospect for the town council. Drilling of another well undoubtedly will be up for discussion, as it has been for the last half dozen meetings. It is understood that the driller has been unable to secure the pipe necessary before starting

recent Chicago convention.

Nyal Womble, a local pharma-

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combine.

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Marts Begin Sales Official Average \$56.29, as

Compared With \$52.05 at Start of Selling Season Last Year

Local tobacco growers, some of them planning to sell on the Bor-der Belt markets when they open next Monday, were encouraged this week by reports from the South Carolina markets which opened Monday of this week.

Reports were that the average price paid growers on the mar-kets in South Carolina for open-**Voters Here Approve** ing day sales Monday was \$56.29 partment of Agriculture reports.

Most of Those Questioned The total poundage auctioned NoHogs Allowed In Town Limits Most of Those Questioned Believe Nominee Will Lead Democrats to Vic-tory in November for the leaf was due chiefly to the

Judging by opinions of a few fact that better quality tobacco Washington County Democrats sosold on opening day a year ago.

Averages by individual mar kets in the state on opening day sales ranged from a low of \$51.75 a hundred to a high of \$59.54. Prices by grades remained fairly steady on Tuesday's sales also, according to the agriculture department reports. Some priming grades were said to be up by as much as from \$2 to \$4 per hundred on Tuesday's sales. Offer-ings for that day were light, however, and quality was below that but one person interviewed exof opening day.

of U. S. grades were listed for Tuesday's sales as follows: Sparkman was not quite so strong as might have come out of the Cutters: Fair lemon, \$70, low

emon, \$68. "Russell would have been stronger," was heard. Some said that the selection of Sparkman Lugs: Choice lemon, \$70, fine lemon, \$69, fair lemon, \$61, fair Stevenson's running mate on orange, \$37.

Nondescript: Best thin, \$24. one person heard Governor Stev-Belt, which opened earlier, reported mildly-fluctuating prices, hundred pounds. Most of the markets, however, reported full sales. ed from it that the Democratic A general average on the 22 mar-Monday was the highest of the



WHERE NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING IS TO BE DEDICATED AUGUST 10

The new educational building of Hebron Methodist Church at Roper will be dedicated on Sunday, August 10, with Bishop Paul N. Garber, of Richmond, Va., in charge of the service, assisted by District Superintendent F. S. Love, of Elizabeth City, and the Rev. B. E. Bingham, pastor. All former members and former pastors of the church have been invited, and it is expected a record-breaking congregation will be on hand for the services.—Photo by Charles E. Mizelle.

Bishop Paul N. Garber To Dedicate New Education- Enough Cuke To al Building at Hebron

Dedication of the new educaional building of the Hebron

Several weeks ago Hugh B. Several weeks ago high B. Allen displayed uptown a "granddaddy cucumber" which measured 12 3/8 inches in length and 8% and to include the second cumerence. How to see the was not determined. Several prominent farmers of Methodist Church in Roper is be Agent W. H. Pruden, have re-ported that the heaviest infesta-tion threaten the crops of Washing-ton for the the crops of Washinging planned for Sunday, August 10, with several distinguished minister of the Methodist deno-minister of the Methodist deno-minister of the Methodist deno-

Bishop Paul Neff Garber, of the ton County is now being combat-Richmond, Va., area, will conduct ed from the air. Dick Norman and Lewis Gurthe dedication service and deliver ganus, who farm on neighboring the main address. Assisting him will be Dr. F. S. Love, superin-tendent of the Elizabeth City displaces near Plymouth, reported to Pruden last Wednesday morning that their tobacco was heavi- trict, and the Rev. B. E. Bingham, ly infested with the hornworms pastor. Mr. Bingham has been pastor of the church for the past and asked that he call in an air service firm to spray the crops five years, during which the building project was completed. building project was completed. An Elizabeth City outfit was It was started back in the thir-

summoned and this week others ties. re called in as the infe

Mercury Is Lower But Heat Still On In Entire Section

Two Treated for Heat Exhauston at Hospital here Tuesday; High for Past Week 99 Degrees

According to the official temerature records at the Tidewater Test Farm, it was not as hot this week as it was during the previous two hot spells. Nevertheless, there were plenty of people who thought Monday and Tuesday of this week were as hot as any days the section has had this year, and at least two cases of heat exhaustion were treated at the hospital here Tuesday. Seven workmen at the pulp mill here reported to the first-aid department and went home Tuesday on account of the heat, according to reports.

William Brown, a senior at State College has been doing some research work at Tidewater Test Farm on a soybean project, "fell out" while in a field there Tuesday afternoon and required emergency treatment at the Washington County Hospital. Brown, whose home is at Rich Square, was in a serious condition when he reached the hospital and a local physician said he could not nave lived 10 minutes longer if he had not been gotten into an oxygen tent in time.

J. L. Rea, manager of the test farm, said that the temperature of the soil where Brown was working was taken after the young man "fell out," and the hermometer registered 130 derees. Given a saline solution and placed in an oxygen tent, it is reported that the young man is now getting along all right.

Richard Goodman, colored tobacco farmer on the farm of Will Gurkin near here, also was treated for heat prostration at the local hosiptal Tuesday afternoon. According to official records at the Tidewater Farm, the latest heat wave started building up last Saturday, when a high of 90 degrees was reached. Sunday's high was 94, and the minimum

68; Monday the maximum was 98, with a minimum of 75; and Tuesday the thermometer went up to 99, with a low of 76 for the day. Tuesday night's thunder-shower cooled things off somewhat, and at 1 p. m. yesterday the reading was only 91 degrees.

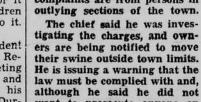
Tuesday of last week, the all-time high of 102 was equalled for the third time this year, the other two days at that figure being June 26 and 27. Any way you slice it, this has been about the

Chief of Police P. W. Brown said yesterday that he had received a number of complaints about hogs being kept inside the city limits, in violation of a town ordinance. Most of the complaints are from persons in outlying sections of the town. The chief said he was investigating the charges, and own-

He is issuing a warning that the law must be complied with and, although he said he did not want to prosecute anyone on this account, summons will be issued unless all hogs are moved from inside the town within the next few days.

Due Back Friday the Democratic ticket was a sort of "healing balm" for the South. Of all those questioned, only

Left Last Week for Trip To Charleston, S. C.; Seven From Greenville With Group From Here



Local Sea Scouts **On Summer Cruise**

Plymouth and Greenville Sea presidential nominee is a "down-Scouts are having a delightful to-earth fellow," "He seemed trip on the Plymouth Sea Scout plain and humble and sounded as

licited at random Wednesday morning by the writer of this arti- Price averages by grades were cle, it would seem that the next also up somewhat, it was said. president of these United States Averages by individual ma will be none other than Governor Adlai Stevenson, of Illinois.

Opinion among those interviewed however, was unanimous that Stevenson would emerge the winner in November only after a hard fight-"nip and tuck," one styled it. "What do you think of the Democratic presidential ticket?" all were asked. The answers ranged from "OK" to "good" to "fine,'

pressed the candid opinion that the ticket of Stevenson and Averages on a limited number

orange, \$57, low orange, \$44. Primings: Good lemon, \$63, fair lemon, \$53, fair orange, \$47, low

Meanwhile, the Georgia-Florida with decreases in average prices on some grades from \$2 to \$4 per kets in the two states of \$54.54

Hornworms Now Plan Special Service Found in County; At Roper Church 10th Threat To Crops Airplane Services Called in To Spray Golden Weed Fields in County; Some

Fields Stripped

Methodist Church

the group. They left the dock estly try to carry it out." It is understood that an attempt here last Friday night about 7 o'clock for Charleston, S. C., via clothing merchant, declared he will be made to organize a local chapter of American Veterans of the inland waterway, and are ex- thought the Stevenson-Sparkman World War II (Amvets) here next pected to return the latter part ticket was a good one with a fine week. An official of the state or-ganization called W. Ronald Gayof this week. lord, county veterans' service of-ficer, here Tuesday and asked sea scouts from Plymouth and publican slate will be no push-

seven from Greenville, in addit- over, in Mr. Browning's opinion. ion to the two skippers and two He realizes Mr. Eisenhower is him to make arrangements for the organization to obtain use of the mates. Dr. Alban Papineau, skip-per of the Plymouth ship, is in n't think the Republican ticket courtroom next Thursday night. World War II veterans, starting at 8 o'clock. difference of the group, assisted by J. B. Newman, Greenville skip-

per, and Jewel Hardison and Bradford Papineau, mates of the Plymouth ship. Mr. Gaylord said he had no further information about the meeting, and it could not be Plymouth ship.

The six scouts from Plymouth learned if the Amvets had gotten in touch with any local veterans are Eddie Ricks, Peter Leavitt, about the matter. There are sev- Mack Graham, Billie Browning, eral chapters of Amvets in other Bill Ange and George Painter towns of this section, but no at- Greenville scouts are Dickie Newtempt has ever been made to or- ell, Preston Jarvis, Bobbie Langganize a local unit. Plymouth ston, Jimmie Perkins, Jimmie veterans now have chapters of Smith, Ronnie Morton and Culthe American Legion and Vete- len Newman.

rans of Foreign Wars.

Announce Employment of Mechanic at Local Firm day. They were scheduled to

Moye W. Spruill, owner of the noon and arrive in Plymouth late recently - opened Spruill Nash Friday night or early Saturday White farm about a mile east of Motors here, announced this week morning.

the employment of D. M. Balwhen lightning is reported to The boys are enjoying sightlance, of Belhaven, as mechanic. seeing trips at points of interest have struck a tobacco packhouse, Mr. Ballance comes to the local along the way. They spent one setting it afire.

firm with good recommendations, night at Morehead City on the The fire completely destroyed having a number of years of ex- way south. According to Dr. Paframe structure, and an adjoining perience in automobive repair work. He will begin work with the firm Monday of next week. pineau, the weather was delight-fully cool except when they stop-ped in towns along the route. shed, and with it three barns of



Washington County and the Creswell \$63.05, it was reported. were successful in keeping the three towns in the county will J. C. Bethune, board secretary, fire from spreading. The first three towns in the county will b. C. Definite, board secretary, fire from spreading. The first said in Raleigh Monday that the truck arrived at about 7:15 p. m. Mr. Knowles farms the proper-ty under lease and also is engaged

taxes collected by the state dur- The tax covers bank deposits, in farming in Martin County near classrooms are to be provided ing the fiscal year which ended stocks, bonds, notes, charge ac- Dardens. He estimated his loss at and one smaller classroom. ing the fiscal year which cluck year which while schools and cluck year which while schools and colored schools have been saved, had the trucks been there when the fire has year county schools re-

board of assessment. Washington County will re-ceive a check for \$3,589.26. The town of Plymouth's share is \$1,-616.28. Roper will get \$92.75 and towns of the plumbing contract in the ceive a check for \$1,570,760.31. total was only \$1,570,760.3

season. This was a near-record average, according to reports.

Poured for School the county. Pruden reported late Wedness chance of victory in November in

> Work Started on Additions Here; Hope To Complete School Opening

Construction work got underheaded by Senator Russell, of way this week on the county Georgia, would have been strongschool-building projects. Foundaer than the Stevenson-Sparkman tions were beingd ug and concrete poured for the two additions A former county representative to the school here, and a consid-erable portion of the materials O. Arnold of Skinnersville, needed have already been placed on the lot.

The small building to house the band room and industrial arts department at the high school here With Heavy Loss s to be the first project undertaken, according to officials of the Hunt Construction Company, of Durham, which has the general Heavy damage was suffered by

construction contract for all three Linwood Knowles on the Dr. projects. It is hoped this build-Plymouth early Wednesday night ing will be ready for occupancy about the time for opening of schools on September 3.

The recent steel strike may slow up work on the other school the packhouse, a large two-story projects in the county, although officials of the construction firm plan to go ahead as rapidly as cured tobacco, all of the first the materials can be obtained. It three pullings from the crop on that farm. A truckload of volun-gymnasium completed around the teer firemen from Plymouth sped first of the year so that it may to the scene of the blaze and find- be used during the basketball

ing the wind blowing toward a season. dwelling house about fifty feet In t In the meantime, a force of workmen are about half through the job of dividing up the audi-It is reported that the wind torium at J. J. Clemmons school shifted several times but firemen in Roper to provide three additbeing done by the county main- on the Will Gurkin farm near tenance force, under the supervisty under lease and also is engaged ion of Clyde Davis. Two full-size

around \$3,000. There were 1,800 J. P. West, president of the

became general throughout fields the board of Christian education, of the county. It was reported will present the education build Wednesday morning of this week ing for education. Other members Foundations Being weak strain the strain the board are Mrs. Robert Armwork spraying tobacco fields in strong, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Chesson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Chesson, W. A. Dixon, Mrs. L. E. Has-Project This Week day that he had seen some fields sell, sr., Mrs. L. E. Hassell, jr., Mrs. A. R. Hooker, Miss Pat Mar-been stripped by the worms. The row, Mrs. J. L. McAllister, Mr. pests are especially bad this time of year and strip the unand Mrs. Jack McAllister. All former pastors and former

members of the church have been invited to return for this occasion One Building in Time for pulling at one time or anothwhich will also serve as a home coming service. Others who have er because of heavy worm infesshown special interest in the

tation which was not checked building program have been invited, with about 300 invitations with some potent insecticide. It would seem that the tobacco being sent to out-of-town guests A general invitation is likewise farmers generally have been un-

usually hard hit this season, after extended to the public. Besides the address by Bishop experiencing little trouble with plant beds in the spring. Plants Garber, the program also includes were generally more plentiful a solo, "Bless This House," by Mrs. Jack Leary; an anthem, this spring than for several seaof the Test Farm near here will ties). sons past and most farmers did "Hark, Hark, My Soul," by the be held in the afternoon. not experience any trouble in choir; and dinner on the grounds

served by members of the church However, since that time, just to members and guests.

about everything-including pro-

At Hospital in Past Week Records at the Washington County Hospital here show that the following persons were ad-

Mrs. Irma Tetterton, David ton County to be the best he has Moore, and Howard McClure, all ton County to be the best he has Moore, and Howard Incourt, of seen this-year, and that would include by way of comparison the crops of several counties in Raleigh; and Barbara Woodley,

Admitted,

Discharged, white: Mr. Ashby, Mr. Tetterton, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. here Saturday night. Trucks from the Plymouth Fire Department sped to the farm but the barn was beyond saving when Mr. Tetterton, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Tetterton, Mr. Dail, Mr. Moore, Mr. Brown; Warren Allen, Mrs. Georgia Mae Warren Allen, Mrs.

The firemen this week received ton Armistead, Vaster Moore, Ai-

Soil Conservation hottest summer ever recorded in this section, and there is still District Meeting more than a month and a half to go. Whew! Will Be Held Here Cotton Support **Price Increased Business Session To Open** Thursday, August 7, at

10 A. M. at Agriculture Building; Farm Tours Set

'Meal' a Family

Now, Jimmy Carpenter, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs.

S. M. Carpenter, has come up with a cuke which is larger

around its girth if not quite so long as the Allen mastodon. Young Carpenter's cuke meas-

ured 10 1/8 inches in circum-

ference and weighed exactly 28

ounces. It measured 1134 inches

in length.

Hovt Davenport.

of

The Soil Conservation supervis-ors of the Pamlico Soil Conser-vation District will meet at Plym-outh, Thursday of next week, it The support level is based on has been announced.

has been announced. The meeting will open at 10 o'clock Thursday morning at the Agriculture Building here. The regular business session will be held in the morning and a tour

The department said that the average support rate for middling Other farms will also be visited 15/16 inch cotton will be 1.05 by the group, among them the Dismal farms of E. H. Liverman, cents a pound higher than that announced for middling 7/8 inch Edward L. Owens and Tom Harricotton, or 31.96 cents a pound.

Premiums and discounts for The Pamlico District embraces various grades and staple length the counties of Washington, Tyrcombinations under the 1951 price rell, Hyde, Beaufort and Dare. support program will be calcu-Supervisors from the latter four lated in relation to the price supcounties will be guests of the port rate announced for middling Washington County supervisors-15/16 inch cotton, the report said. E. H. Liverman, Carl Heynen and Support rates will vary accord-

ing to the location, it was point-A special guest for the occased out. Also, loans and purchase agreements on the crop will be on will be Herbert D. Bateman, Wilson, president of the available to producers through See DISTRICT, Page 7 April 30, 1953.



County school authorities have started placing orders for surplus foods to be used in the six school lunch rooms during the coming term. The foods are available low about a month later.

without cost through the surplus School lunch rooms which will commodities buying program of share in the commodities being

ordered include those at the Orders were placed this week Plymouth, Roper and Creswell for the maximum quantity of white schools and colored schools The firemen this week received a check for \$20 from Mr. Gurkin in appreciation of their efforts in his behalf.

longed dry spells and record-breaking heat waves—has hap-At Hospital in Post Woolpened which is calculated to cut short the golden weed harvest. Reports were published this week of tobacco in some sections which had been severely punished by mitted and/or discharged from drought and heat, only to suffer yet more from hail. Farmers in some parts of the Eastern belt

'setting out."

are hoping for just "half a crop." Pruden stated this week that he Everett, Mrs. C. A. Browning, considered the crops in Washing-

this section of the state. of Creswell. colored: Martha

Tobacco Barn on Gurkin Rhodes, Addie McNair, Erma Lee

Farm Destroyed by Fire Frazier, Malathia Armstrong, William Cherry, Richard Good-A tobacco barn, together with man, Esau Armstrong, jr., and

oil curers and around 750 sticks Agnes Moore, all of Plymouth; ional classrooms. This work is of tobacco, was destroyed by fire Delphia Young, of Roper.

they arrived. Mr. Gurkin express- Wells, both of Plymouth; Mrs. the federal government.

Packhouse Burns The ship reached Georgetown S. C., Monday morning and reported that they expected to dock in Charleston about 5 p. m. that leave Charleston yesterday after-