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## DELEGATION SEEKS DRAINAGE HYDE ATTORNEY FOR PUNGO RIVER BASIN AT MEETING AT CAPITOL THURS.

Aid of National Rivers and Harbors Congress Sought In Getting Federal Flood Control thing,' says O. L. Williams. Swan The work of yesterday is gone-Project Which Would Make Possible The Reclaiming of Thousands of Acres of Farm- before the Belhaven-Pantego Lions ing Land In Beaufort And Washington Counties.

A delegation from the Pungo River Basin last Thursday attended a meeting of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington, D. C., to seek the aid of that organization in getting a Federal Flood Control project in the area.

The proposed drainage project, it is stated, would make possible the reclamation of thousands of acres of farming land in Beaufort and Washington counties, many which were once in cultivation but had to be abandoned.

Those attending the hearing from Beaufort County included B. G. Carawan, Zeno Ratcliffe, A. D. Swindell, Walter Cannady and P. H. Johnson.

The National Rivers and Harbors Congress is not a government agency, it was stated, but an organization which has much influence with government engineers.

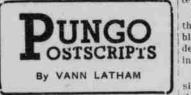
According to P. H. Johnson of Pantego there are approximately 125,000 acres in the Pungo River Basin, \$5,000 acres of which are in existing drainage districts.

What was judged to be adequate canals were constructed and a large percentage of that land was cleared and has at one time been in crops," said Mr. Johnson.

After these canals were constructed it was decided that while they were sufficient to drain the area involved they could not take care of a vast amount of water in the West Dismal lying immediately west of these projects," he continued.

He said that in normal time: this water was held back by a ridge forming the western boundary of the basin but that in perlods of excessive rain the West vantages of keeping a bridge. Dismal water overflows this protecting ridge and damages crops to such an extent that much of the land had to be abandoned.

"It has been determined that the cost of providing an outlet for this over-flow water, in addition to the normal darinage that would be But, all these arguments have been made before. Left us get to State College. required, is too great to be taken the cube root of the problem. by individual landowners and they



Let's change the subject and cause of concern for all citizens. talk about the DDT ( ..... Ditch

Trouble.) While to many people, the pro- with human life, he said, are project to make a small boat harbor viding better care for the mentally by removing the bridge over Wyn- sick, providing decent and safe nes Gut and widening and deep- jails for those held in connection quire. ening the gut may seem to be a with criminal charges, etc. purely local problem, the implica- Mr. Williams was presented by tions therein really have national Walton Johnson, program chaitand even worldwide status. It is man.

many in the past histories, where Day of Rocky Mount, Governor a few who are strong enough have of District 31-C would attend the gone against the wishes and the weekly meeting of the club Thursbest interests of the majority of day evening, March 30. President the people to force through a pro- Jimmy Hodges urged a 100 per ject which will best serve these cent attendance. few. In our case, the ones who wish to keep the bridge at any

cost, called the bridge crowd, are spending the taxpayer's good money to stop the Army Engineers Mann; George Fisher, guest of project which would benefit the Gus Gaylord; and J. L. Eckenrode. a Lion of Baltimore, guest of Od- telling how GOOD they were. majority of the taxpayers. On the other hand, we have the en Radcliffe,

NOW IS IDEAL harbor in Belhaven, even if it means removing the bridge. And it's quite a crowd too. While it is my opinion that it is desirable to keep West Front Street open. and retain some bridge over Wynnes Gut, the benefits to be really Sprouts, Specialist ed by the construction of a small boat harbor far outweigh the ad-

Another point to be considered is that our town has no place that first week in April is the ideal serves adequately as a public dock. And that "ain't" good for a town which is bordered on several sides which to obtain sprouts for setting

But, all these arguments have ton, extension horticulturist of It has always been my belief Farmers who grow their own that a group of men is elected by specuts stand a much better

COMMENT SPEAKS BEFORE By THOS. E. SPENCER BELHAVEN LIONS MAKE THIS A DAY District Governor To Visit

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Make this a day.

oad and sold hot dogs.

e read no newspaper.

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orders:

But he sold good hot dogs.

Make this a day.

ake this a day. Belhaven-Pantego Club There is no gain in brooding Thursday Night over days to come; The mesage of today is plain. "Life is becoming a cheap The future lips are ver dumb. Quarter attorney and candidate for For good or ill-let come

the State Senate, said in a speech what may: But now we face another dawn. Club at Flossle's in Pantego Make this a day. 'hursday night. The topic of Mr. Williams speech

was "Cheapness of Life in a Materialistic World." That men call opportunity, He praised the Lions Clubs for their activities in helping the blind and other misfortunates and For declared that what they were do-

ing was for a good cause. Mr. Williams deplored the slaugter on the highways and said these mounting deaths were a

Some of the problems facing This day is yours-your work is the General Assembly dealing yours: The thing accomplished-that en-

another case, and there have been It was announced that Lewis K.

Visitors included Jack Harris of He was hard of hearing so he Washington and Walter Cahoon of | had no radio. Elizabeth City, guests of Jule Purvis; Tom Spencer, guest of Bill

harbor crowd, the ones who are interested in having a small boat

> TIME TO BED POTATO SPROUTS Farmers Should Grow Own

Advises The last week of March or the

time to bed sweet potatoes from the 1950 crop, says H. M. Coving-

Ralph Midgette of Ocracoke Sentenced to Prison in Beaufort Co. Court Saturday

Ralph Midgett, 42, of Ocracoke, a native of Buxton, got a sentence to prison of 25 to 30 years Saturday in Beaufort County Superior Court in Washington, for the slay ing of Glenn Willis of January 25 Through yesterday we failed to see He shot Willis owner of the vea The urging hand and earnest set Lindsay C. Warren, while it lay in port at Washington.

Trial of the case had consumed We fail to know the time or most of the week. Judge W. I. Halstead of South Mills presided. some great deed,----what A Beaufort County jury deliberated almost four hours Friday The dawn comes up a silvery

night before tnding Midgett guilty of second degree murder. The golden moments must be met; Midgett testified he argued with the Beaufort captain the after-

noon of the shooting. He said he had been drinking and remembered nothing about the shooting un-The odds are not who pays til the next day. Police said Midgett told them

he shot Willis because the captain didn't pay him as high a salary as If it be what the days require promised He who takes up his dally round,

When Midgett heard Judge W. As one new-armoured for the I. Halstead pass sentence he did not change the expression that Tomorrow steps on solid grounr had typified him during the entire -The Talisman

trial that lasted three days. Meanwhile the State's chief witness in the case, John D. Banks,

TO BUY ... OR NOT TO BUY 24-year-old cook who claimed he A man lived by the side of the was held at gunpoint while Mirgett, armed with a shotgun rifle awaited Willis' arrival, jailed on a forgery charge. He had trouble with his eyes so . He is charged with forging

He put up signs on the highway "D. M. Smith."

He stood by the side of the road and cried: "Buy a hot dog, Mishearing on the forgery charge.

He bought a bigger stove to \$500

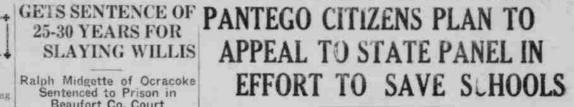
ake care of his trade. He got his son home from col-

ege to help him. But then something happened. His son said, "Father, haven't ou been listening to the radio? "There's a big recession o.n

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HOSPITAL NOTES

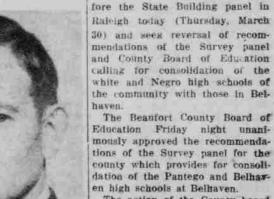
Birth of four babies at the Pun-



Beaufort County Board of Education Approves Recommendations of Survey Panel To Consolidate Pantego White And Negro High Schools With Belhaven Following Hearing in Washington Friday Afternoon.

ONE OF BELHAVEN'S NEWEST BUSINESSMEN

Pantego citizens early this week were making plans to appear be-



The action of the County board followed a public hearing at the Agricultural building in Washington Friday afternoon at which time a Pantego delegation made a strong appeal for continuation of their schools.

Spokesmen for the group included D. W. Lupton, chairman of the local school board; E. L. Slack, member of the board; and P. H. Johnson. John A. Wilkinson, College in Greenville, is one of Washington attorney and a alumni of the Pantego school, also spoke in behalf of retaining the school at Pantego.

The Pantego spokesmen pointed out that their school was the first since the beginning it had been

The group asked the County new lunchroom, a gymnasium and modernization.

business administration and social Negro soukesmen from Pantega studies. He attended the Univer- who appeared in behalf of their situres in Arth Carolina at Chapel school were Lee Whitley and Will Hill for one year prior to going Farrow. They told the Board that the patrons of their school had Mr. and Mrs. Walton O'Neal of thousands of dollars to buy land worked hard and raised several East Main St. The O'Neal's are na- on the promise that they would be given a new school.

The Survey panel recommenda-DEBNAM PRAISES tion approved by the County Board calls for an expenditure of Monday elected officers at a meet- BELHAV'N PEOPLE \$175,000 at the Belhaven white go District hospital in Belhaven ing at the Circle Grove Farm with IN HIS BROADCAST school, not including moderniza-this week highlighted the news at Mesdames F. P. Lathm and Mrs. IN HIS BROADCAST

white school, not including moder

For the Negro schools the panel

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BLANKS BEING

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Later Date

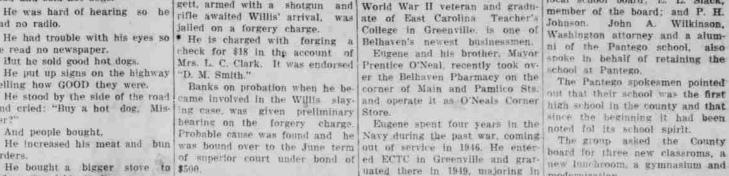
A copy of the Agricultural Cen-

call for the form, check the infor-

formation ready when the census

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Enumerators Will



GARDEN CLUB OF BELHAVEN ELECTS OFFICERS MONDAY Mesdames F. P. Latham And Tives of Hyde County. Sara Latham Entertain Club

The Machapungo Garden Club

EUGENE O'NEAL, 26-year-old World War II veteran and graduate of East Carolina Teacher's Belhaven's newest businessmen. Eugene and his brother, Mayor er the Belhaven Pharmacy on the Eugene spent four years in the

nto service.

have requested the Federal Govbasis of flood control," Mr. Johnson said,

He continued: "The Army Engineering Department at Wilmington last year made a survey to determine the feasability of the project and we are informed that to whom the yare responsible. And they have submitted a favorable report to the authorities in Washington. They are now studying ed with the possibility of pressure that report and it is hoped that they will approve it."

Regarding the National Rivers son said that the people of the area were indebted to the organization for their voluntary assistwaterway.

He said that those who attended the meeting last week were hopeful of receiving a favorable recommendation of the project.

The project, it is reported, involves providing an outlet large sorts of messes. enough to take care of the exces sive over-flow from the West Dismal; the clearing out of Pungo River at its source; and the clearing out of Pantego Creek and Cuckolds Creek at their sources.

The trip of the delegation to the nation's capitol on Thursday followed a meeting in Pantego on Tuesday night, March 21, of some 40 Beaufort and Washington County farmers. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Swindell were named as delegates to represent the group in Wash Joyce Hodges, daughter of Mr.

The flood project, should it be carried out, is expected to make possible the reclamation of thousands of acres of farming land and make the Pungo River Basin blossom.

Lands now idle will be green with soybeans, corn and other jonal Maypole dance, and other crops bringing into the region thousands of additional dollars in farm income and providing more 14th, the annual Mother's Day jobs for farm workers.

dress parade, drill and band con-Communities in particular which cert will be presented by the cawould be benefited would be Pan- dets of Edwards Military Institute, tego, Wenona and Terra Ceia. brother school to Pineland. A Belhaven and Plymouth would al- large crowd is anticipated for both so be expected to benefit from the events and the two days have general prosperity it would create been designated as Homecoming in the area. week end for all alumnae and a-

lumni. More than 5,000 industrial plants in North Carolina depend directly upon the forests for raw material, and the value of their production wood are used each year in North is about \$150,000,000 yearly. Carolina.

ernment some assistance on the a majority vote of the people in chance of producing top-quality, secret ballot and that these men. disease-free potatoes, states Covacting as the Board of Aldermen at harvest, he says, are caused

and as the governing body of the by diseased potatoes having been town, are to direct their actions bedded. so as to carry out the wishes of the people who elected them and a man who is elected to the Board has a big rsponsibility. He is facusually are the most expensive in which comes in many forms, from the long run." a certain group on the one side.

and with the desires of the peoand Harbors Congress, Mr. John- ple who put him in office on the other side. It requires a man who has a conscience and who is really trying to perform his duty to ance in securing the great inland be able to throw off the effects of pressure groups and to pay his

debt to the people. A town that has on its board men who cannot accept this responsibility is in a bad way. Such

## er plants which result in poor BELHAVEN GIRLS TO stands. SERVE IN MAY COURT

Joyce Hodges And Peggy O'Neal Chosen by Pineland

certain sections of Florida and Faculty against further spread of the sweet potato weevil. This pest, Salemburg-Two Belhaven girls were chosen by the faculty to he says, has also been found recently in Charleston County, serve in the May Court at Pine-Couth Carolina. The insect could land College on May Day, Saturday, May 13th. The two are Miss very easily be brought in on rout moduced in weevil areas. and Mrs. L. L. Hodges, St., and Covington reminds farmers that Miss Peggy O'Neal, daughter of there is a State law which prohi-

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. O'Neal. bits the bringing in of sweet po The May queen for this year is Later a census enumerator will tified sources. Miss Janice Butler, of Roseboro. The May Day festivities will in-

clude the queen and court, a color PTA STUDY COURSE ful historical pageant, the tradit-HELD IN BELHAVEN music and dance specialties. On district study rourse the following day, Sunday, May

"Child Guidance and Family Education" was held at the Belhaven mately 100 in attendance. Miss Genevieve Burton of Gibson

> P.T.A. a. m. until 3 p. m. Lunch was of pot bellied, well-dressed men were slender and not so well-dresserved in the school lunchroom. and some of them were slender sed. A movie was shown during the and not so well dressed. The Dev-

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Covington also warns farmers

of-State Jources, especially from

against buying plants from out-

About 6 million cords of fuel afternoon session. from neighboring schools.

the region's health center. Births Sara Latham, hostesses. were as follows:

Mrs. Earl Pugh of Lake Landing, a baby boy.

Mrs. John Tigobolaar of Terra "If it becomes necessary to buy Cisa, a baby girl. sprouts," asserts the horticultur-Mrs. Henry Boyd, Jr., of Belhavist, "know the source of seed and en, a baby girl.

the conditions under which the Mrs. Howard Voliva of Belhavsprouts are grown. Cheap plants en, a baby boy. Patients admitted during the

past week, other than the mothers In selecting potatoes for bedd- listed above, were Mrs. Howard June and assume offices in Seping, the following points should Selby of Bath, Mrs. Lena Sawyer tember.

be observed. Do not bed anything of Ponzer, Henry Everett of Washhaving rotten spots or shriveled ington RFD, and Mrs. Dora McKinends. Select only those having ney of Fairfield. a deep copper-colored skin. Nick

each root near the stem end and past week included Charles Rose save only those that are salmon of Wenona, Miss Arlene Arnold of game tournament in April at the er the nation." But, he added, unpink to orange. Throw olt those Engelhard, Mrs. Jennie Manning Community House. The date will that have a pale pink of white of Ponzer Mrs. Lilley Bailey of be set later. mett. Finally, bed only roots Belhaven, John Dunbar of Swan which are one and a half inches Quarter, Charles Rose of Wenona, was given by Mrs. W. E. Bateman. an administration can make all in diameter or larger. The larg- Mrs. Ardie Gibbs of Lake Landing. She talked about the beauty and

Strings (slips) make weak, tend- Point. Colored patients included Del- she had found along the river sie McCabe of Swan Quarter, Ron- shore which was very interesting. oin Credle of Belhaven, Marvin Lewis Connor of Belhaven and Trees" could be made from drift-Carrie Braddock of Belhaven.

lected for next year as recommended by the nominating committee: Mrs. Jessie Taylor, president;

Mrs. Julve Purvis, first vice-pres vice-president; Mrs. Hubert Windley, secretary; Mrs. Andrew Horges, treasurer; and Mrs. W. E. Bateman, art chairman.

New officers will be installed in ings in a fire.

Mrs. James Younce, president, asked each member to recommend names for membership. They will

The program for the afternoon

er the seed, the ladger the sprouts. and McLain Meekins of Stumpy usefulness of driftwood. She had a collection of odd shapes that She told how the "Chinese Ming

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IN HELL WITH SOME PEOPLE | groups. Finally he filled the furnace full of troublemakers and

people who go around talking a-I had a dream the other night. high school Monday with approxi- I dreamed I was tired of walking bout their neighbors and he came to and fro on the face of the earth over and shook hands with me. The course was conducted by and so I left the earth, as all peo- "I am glad to see you. Sir," he ple are bound to do someday. I said. "Did you come to hell with ville, state field worker for the left the earth and went to hell, that group over there?" I was standing there looking at pointed to the pot bellied well-

The meeting was held from 10 all the people, and I saw a group dressed group and some of them

stoked with the people of different See STORE, Page Eight

The following officers were e Raleigh News Commentator nization: Comments On Aid Given recommended an expenditure of Negro Family \$97,000 at Belhaven, not including

Young Mr. O'Neal is the son of

A noted North Carolina news ident: Mrs. George Clark, second commentator Monday praised the spirit of the people of Bethaven FARM CENSUS ofr helping a Negro family who had lost their home and belong-

W. E. Debnam of Raleigh, who presents "Debnam Views the Census News" over the Smith-Douglas network, said that he wished "the Those discharged during the be voted on at the April meeting, story of Jim Jones and his friends The club decided to sponsor a at Belhaven could be told all ov-being placed in every rural mail

fortunately this isn't the case. tato plants other than from cer-His commentary said in part: "Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will mation and help complete it if never mention it in My Day. She ii necessary continue to criticize economic and D. S. Weaver, assistant director

social conditions in the South and of the State College Extension weep crocodile tears over pov- Service, says North Carolina farm erty and unhappiness while she families can help gave considerignores even worse conditions in able time and money by having inher own back yard.

"You'll ever read the story of coresentative calls. Jim Jones and his new home in Weaver points out that many de-Time Magazine or in Life or in disions and policies, both public any of the other national publica- and private, depend on accurate intions.

formation. Such Information, he You'll never read about it in adds, is used in the apportionment Drew Pearson's column.

on the radio.

of funds for education. including "You'll never hear Winchell or agricultural extension work and any other commentator with a in decisions as to size and locacoast-to-coast network mention it tion of business establishments, to mention only a few of the more

"You will, of course, read and important uses made of it, hear a lot about those isolated in- Although the questionnaire is stances where small bands of a formidable looking document, hoodlums in the South dress up with a total of 181 separate quesin bedsheets and pillow slips and tions, it really isn't as difficult as go charging about the countryside it looks, says Weaver. Many buining crosses and generally items will not apply to all farmers making a fool of themselves. Many others require only a "yes" "You'll read and hear a lot a. or "no" answer.

bout anything and everything that Acts of Congress provide that holds the South up to ridicule . . . Individual information given to but when an entire community . - census enumerators must be held , white and Negro-as was the in confidence and cannot be used case in Belhaven rallied to the for taxation, investigation, or regsupport of a deserving colored utation; and that census questions family in time of need the wag- must be answered truthfully. And he

ging tougues of southern critica The consust Weaver points out, is one of the oldest of American make no mention of it." Mr. Debnam learned about the institutions The first one was

story of Jim Jones from the col- taken in 1790, and others have "Well, you see, Mr. Devil." I re- tunns of The Belhaven Pilot and hear taken every 10th year since il was a very busy man. He had plied, "When I was on the earth, complimented t's paper for brings then. Since 1920 an art adducat Representatives were present a great blasting furnace which he I was married to a fine and good ing the story to the attention of census has been taken every five the public. I rears