

DEMONSTRATOR HAS VERY BUSY WEEK PLANNED

Gold Point Club Held First Meeting This Morning; Doing Good Work

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

Meetings at Holly Springs, Farm Life, Poplar Point, Williamston, Williams Chapel and Hamilton

By LORA E. SLEEPER
Home Demonstration Agent
The club girls of Gold Point school held their first meeting this morning at the school house from 9 till 11. There are eleven girls in this club, the smallest in the county but all have garments cut ready to make up. The girls are doing very good work, and judging by their work done thus far, I am very sure there will be some good clothing club exhibits among the various schools in county. The girls of Parmele had their second meeting this afternoon from 1:15 to 3:30. The time is so arranged that the girls come to the meeting as they have study periods and all have attention at some time during the afternoon. The girls reported that they are getting up a short program for next Monday morning and help was given them in a few club songs.

The schedule for the week is as follows:

Tuesday, women of Holly Springs meet; Wednesday, club meeting at Farm Life in the morning and Woman's club meeting at Poplar Point in the afternoon; Thursday, Junior club of Williamston in the morning and Woman's club meeting at Williams Chapel in the afternoon; and Friday, the girls and women of Hamilton will have their regular meetings. He third and fourth Saturday of each month, the agent will be in the office all day for consultations, the first and second Saturday afternoons, the agent plans to take for necessary recreation and rest.

NEGRO KNOCKED OUT DURING RAID

Dry Officer Thought He Was Reaching for Gun And Hit Him

C. C. Jones, Oak City negro, was knocked unconscious but not seriously hurt, last week by officers who were raiding his place in a search for liquor. The officers had a warrant calling for Jones' arrest, and while serving the paper, they made another search for whiskey in his little shop. Jones told them to look all they wanted to, and while they were busy at their task, the storekeeper wandered toward the rear of the store. When he reached his hand in his hip pocket, one of the officers thinking that Jones was reaching for a pistol, hit him over the head. It was soon learned that Jones was trying to get a pint of liquor from his pocket to throw it out the back door before the officers searched him.

Everetts and Jamesville To Play Here Friday

Although the basketball season is well nigh over, it is understood that a three-game series between the two basketball teams of the towns has been arranged, the first game to be played here next Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

While the dates for the second and third game have not been definitely decided upon, it is probable that they will be played Tuesday and Friday nights of next week.

The series was arranged at the request of basketball fans from all parts of the county, and record breaking crowds are expected to attend.

DOCTORS MEET HERE THURSDAY

Second District Medical Society To Be Guests Of Martin County Society

The Second District Medical Society, including Carteret, Craven, Lenoir, Pitt, Beaufort, Martin, Bertie and Hertford counties, will be entertained by the Martin County Society here next Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Woman's Club building. The program, probably one of the best yet prepared for a district meeting, includes papers to be read by prominent doctors from Richmond, Norfolk, High Point, Southern Pines, Greensboro, Charlotte and Raleigh. A preliminary session will be held at 6 o'clock and at 8, the Woman's club serving committee will serve dinner to the county society's guests. Mayor R. L. Coburn will deliver the address of welcome to the visiting doctors and Dr. John C. Rodman, of Washington, will make the response.

While speaking of the meeting, Dr. Wm. E. Warren, prominent in medical society circles in this and other states, said, "We are expecting one of the best sessions ever held by the society, and we feel highly honored in having so many leading and widely known physicians taking part in the program."

STATE HAS 36,568 CASES MEASLES

Average of 522.4 New Cases Each Day of Present Year

According to a state report, an average of 522.4 North Carolinians have contracted measles each day of the present year. Including last Saturday, 36,568 new cases of measles had been reported, and brings the 1928 cases to a number higher than in 1924 and 1927, the years when bad epidemics were reported. Unless an unexpected decrease occurs, the 1928 total is expected to go beyond that of 1923 when 52,066 cases were reported.

"Though measles is a disease with which medical science is yet to learn to control, the State Board of Health is fighting the epidemic through a campaign of education," Dr. Charles Laughinghouse, State health officer, said. Parents are urged to protect young children, especially those under four years of age, from exposure and to isolate those children who show the first symptoms of the disease.

Several sections in this county have reported bad epidemics and in two or three instances schools have been closed. The disease, while a few cases are reported almost daily, is not considered very serious at this time.

CONTRACTS TO BE LET TODAY

Objections Made Against Work on Route 90 At Present

The outcome of the letting of seventeen road and bridge contracts could not be learned today, but it is understood that in spite of the objections coming from the northeastern section of the State and parts of Virginia the link of No. 90 from this point to the Washington county line will be paved. Many people in the northeastern section asked the commission to hold up construction on No. 90 until 30 was completed, they stating that traffic would not be tied up as badly in that way as it would be should both the projects be carried on at the same time.

The people in this section see little or no cause for such objections since travel is possible to Norfolk over Highway No. 30.

When the road is completed to the Washington county line, the hard surface will reach to a few miles below Mackeys and will leave only about ten miles of dirt road from Raleigh to Columbia.

Pitt county will get seven miles of hard surface from Farmville to the Edgecombe county line. There will be four miles of gravel road in Chowan county, making twenty-eight miles in the First District.

State engineers have been busy during the past several days staking and marking the grade levels and location for the hard surface, and it reported that concrete work will be started within a very short time.

Beauty Parlor To Be Opened Here Friday

Miss Annie Blanche Leigh, of New Bern, will open a beauty parlor in the up stairs of the Martin County Bank building next Friday. Miss Leigh has already moved her equipment in, and says she will be prepared to open the shop early Friday morning.

SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES HERE NEXT MONDAY

Judge Garland E. Midyette, Of Jackson, To Preside

FEW CRIMINAL CASES

Only One Day To Be Given To Trial of Criminal Cases; Balance For Civil Actions

The Martin county Superior court convenes here next Monday, Judge Garland E. Midyette, of Jackson, presiding. The first day has been set aside for the few criminal cases, and the remainder of the two weeks will be used for the trial of civil cases. The criminal docket carries very few cases and the majority of them deal with petty offenses.

There are fifty-five cases on the civil calendar for trial, but none of them, it is reported, is of much importance.

The special term of the court held here several weeks ago greatly relieved the badly congested civil docket.

BETTER ENGLISH WEEK CONTEST

Prize To Be Given Winner Of Contest At End Of Week

Sponsored by the Woman's club, a contest was started in the local school yesterday morning in which four hundred and fifty students and teachers are taking part. The contest is in the form of a race in making corrections in speech usage and at the same time keeping from making mistakes. Each student and teacher was given a tag to wear as long as he or she avoided making a mistake. As soon as the first mistake was made, the one committing the error loses the tag and the one correcting the mistake, gains it.

At the end of the week, the person having the greatest number of tags will be declared the winner of the prize and the best grammarian.

Hundreds of tags changed hands yesterday, and they have been circulating freely to day.

In connection with the contest, attractive posters have been prepared and placed in several of the store show windows here.

BOAT ON LOCAL RUN IS SUNK

Goes Down in North River After Collision; No One Hurt in Accident

The Dorothy Leigh, one of the boats of the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina Line that runs between here and Norfolk was sunk early Sunday in a collision in North river with the Virginia Dare of the Elizabeth City boat line.

Captain George Wise, of Norfolk attempted to beach the Dorothy Leigh but she sank in 20 minutes in eight feet of water. No one was hurt in the accident.

The Virginia Dare was badly battered, but was able to make her way to Elizabeth City.

The Dorothy Leigh left here last Saturday with one of the lightest freights in several months, and was nearing Norfolk when the collision occurred.

The regular schedule of the line will be maintained by another boat of the company until the Dorothy Leigh is raised and put back in operation.

Operations to raise the sunken vessel were started yesterday morning, but it will be several days before it will be ready to make its regular runs.

Firemen To Attend Meeting In Kinston

The regularly quarterly meeting of Eastern Carolina firemen will be well attended according to advance plans of firemen here and those in neighboring towns. Practically three-fourths of the members of the local company will journey to Kinston, the place of the meeting, where they will be the guests of the fire-fighters there.

Kiwanis To Entertain Two Basketball Teams

The members of the Kiwanis club are urged to attend the luncheon tomorrow when the basketball teams of Jamesville and Everetts and their coaches will be entertained.

Black and Red Minstrel Revue Here Tonight

With a cast of 45 young men, the Black and Red Revue comes here tonight for one performance. The show comes highly recommended, and a large attendance is expected.

ARBOR DAY WILL BE OBSERVED BY LOCAL SCHOOL

Half-Holiday Granted Friday for Presentation of Program

TO BEAUTIFY CAMPUS

Trees To Be Trimmed; Walks Laid Off Some Time Ago To Be Improved

A half-day holiday has been granted in the local school for next Friday afternoon when an appropriate program for Arbor Day will be presented by the several grades.

Since there are a number of trees on the school grounds, those in charge will stress grass plots, the sowing of seed and planting shrubbery. The trees that are on the grounds will be trimmed and treated against decay. The walks which have been laid off for some time are to be covered with top soil. A car load of suitable material is on its way from Auksoke.

Due to the fact that shrubbery is very expensive, the school officials and the committee from the parent-teacher association are asking persons who have a piece of shrub of any kind that they would like to donate for this purpose to notify the principal. The shrub will be taken up by this committee and moved to the school property. Hedge, canna or any kind of shrubbery or flower that happens to be in the way around home will serve the purpose well. To beautify the school grounds with private prunings and lawn mowing is a good policy as well as sound economics. It will be appreciated too. The school grounds need something of the kind on it.

24 Mexican Quail Are Released in County

Twenty-four Mexican quail were released in various parts of the county yesterday by District Game Warden Chas. J. Moore.

During the past few weeks, the game warden throughout the State have released the quail brought here from Texas by the Bureau of Conservation and Development.

The birds released in this county yesterday were equally divided according to townships, it was stated by County Warden J. W. Hines, this morning.

The distribution of the quail, it is thought, will result in a large increase.

Some Things I Know and Some Other Things I Do Not Know About Tobacco

By W. T. MEADOWS

It looks as if there will be an increased acreage in the Bright Tobacco Belt, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia this year over last year. The estimated production in the Bright Belt for 1927 was, according to government statistics, 692,013,000 pounds which averaged about 22 cents. Some of the best posted men in the trade say we can stand a 700 million pound crop in the belt in 1928 without any decline in the average made last year, but if an average crop is made in the Bright Belt, it will go over 700 million pounds this year. The largest producing state in the belt is North Carolina. She will be credited with about 474 million of the poundage in 1927. That would leave about 218 million pounds for Georgia, South Carolina and Virginia. Now I don't believe North Carolina will increase her acreage very much, neither will Virginia. Possibly five per cent would take care of the increase in both of the states for 1928. It is rumored that Georgia will increase 30 to 40 per cent over 1927 and South Carolina, 18 to 22 per cent over last year's acreage. That being true, Georgia and South Carolina would give us about a 40 million pound increase over that of 1927. If you will notice, I have used figures representing a normal crop of tobacco in all the states, but how can we forget what the yield will be this year? You cannot tell what the acreage will be until the plants are set out, and you cannot tell how the plant beds will yield, how the seasons will be, how the worms and diseases which tobacco is subject to will be. All these things are a matter of speculation on the part of the hard-working farmer.

According to government information, cigarette consumption in the last fiscal year was 97,176,807,484. (These figures are billions). You can figure three pounds of tobacco to make one thousand cigarettes, and you can find out how much of your tobacco it required to make the 97 billion and over cigarettes. (Get your pencil and go to figuring). It is predicted that there will be smoked in 1928 around 115 billion cigarettes. This will include, of course,

the women smokers. (Figure some more at the sale of three pounds of tobacco for every 1000 cigarettes for 1928 consumption).

Every domestic cigarette manufacturer in the United States is bending every energy and nerve they have to push their favorite brands and last year there was more keen competition between the large cigarette manufacturers than was ever known before. Advertising reached record proportions in order to hold smokers to their favorite brands. After all, it is simply advertising that makes the huge totals represent a mighty business. Stop the advertising and see whether this is right or wrong, but where is there a modern business man who does not realize the power of the press, the power of the printer's ink?

If you want to do some more arithmetic stunts, try these:

The State of North Carolina paid to the United States Government in 1927 on cigarettes, \$174,862,268.40. The tax rate is \$2.20 on 1000 cigarettes.

One large cigarette firm says that one cigarette of a certain brand of theirs is smoked every time the clock ticks. Now figure out how many of these cigarettes are smoked in 12 months, and how much of our tobacco does this firm use, using three pounds of tobacco to make 1000 cigarettes.

Here is an easy one to figure. One concern who entered the cigarette field last year with a new brand, and according to newspaper reports, spent six million dollars advertising the particular brand. The concern is making eighteen million cigarettes daily of the brand. How much tobacco will it take at this rate for this one concern on a new brand for a year's consumption even at this daily output, which I am sure will be increased? I figure it to be 21 million and 900 thousand pounds for the firm. This company had a buyer on our market last year for the first time in the history of the market. He was a good buyer and bought liberally for his firm.

It is generally conceded that there will be a big fight among the home manufacturers in cigarettes this year for supremacy in their leading brands

and millions will be spent in advertising the old brands as well as the new ones.

Some of the Trade think one of the large British concerns will enter the U. S. market this year in full blast. This firm has already purchased a manufacturing plant in the United States, and has commenced to market a brand of cigarettes. Some think this British concern will spend large sums this year in pushing its products in the States. The company has the money to do so, and it has the raw material. The concern operates the largest redrying plants in the United States and has made heavy purchases of bright leaf tobacco in America for the past twenty-five years. If it enters the cigarette field in earnest, some of the old firms will have to sit up and take notice.

In conclusion, I don't want you readers to think that all of this 700 million pounds of tobacco goes into cigarettes. About one-half of it is exported to foreign countries and a great deal of it goes into granulated smoking tobacco and flat plug chewing tobacco. On the other hand, don't think the majority of it goes into cigarettes, for some of the leading brands of cigarettes carry a large per cent of Burley tobacco. One of the best articles I have seen on the growing tendency to use Burley tobacco in the manufacture of cigarettes was written for the editorial page of the Enterprise by W. C. Manning, under date of Feb. 21. If you have a copy, read it. However, the extremely high price of cigarette tobacco in the Burley district the past year owing to the small acreage there should have a tendency to help the price of our bright leaf tobacco during the coming season. The cigarette types of Burley tobacco, so I am told by parties who were in Kentucky this season, would probably average over 35 cents. The past season the general floor average for Burley types was 30 cents. You can take this article and digest it anyway you want to, but we sold eight million pounds of tobacco in Williamston the past season and we are going to sell twelve million this season, and here's hoping the prices will be satisfactory.

BIG INCREASE IN PETTY THIEVERY

Chicken Coops Robbed In Several Sections of Town During Past Few Days

According to reports from various citizens, there are more than one chicken thief in Williamston. Three coops were robbed in the same neighborhood in as many nights the latter part of last week, and no one seems to know just how many have been robbed during the last several weeks.

The meanest trick turned by the thief or thieves was that in the coop of Mrs. Dink Hardison. Mrs. Hardison had raised eight nice hens and all during the winter months she allowed the Sundays to go by without greasing the pot with chicken, doing so with the expressed determination of raising a drove of chickens this spring. The rogues came and badly interfered with her plans, so badly in fact did they interfere that Mrs. Hardison killed and greased the pot with the one left by the cur.

Thieves have been seen in other coops, and in one instance a capture was almost effected, but so far none of the rogues has been brought before the courts.

A quack or a cackle from the chicken coop is worth an investigation in the general warning in these parts at this time.

CAR IS WRECKED TWICE SUNDAY

Ford Roadster Turns Over; Is Righted and Later Hits Another Car

H. C. Smith and George Beach, local men, and Fate Smith, of Robersonville, were slightly hurt when their car, a Ford roadster, wrecked twice Sunday night, once between Greenville and Washington and a second time on the Aurora-Washington road.

Between Greenville and Washington, the car turned turtle, but the occupants were unhurt. Turning their car back on all fours, the three men got in and drove off with windshield, top and steering wheel smashed. They lost their way at Chocowinity, and with H. C. Smith doing the driving with the two small prongs left at the steering end, the three made around about trip. George Beach, realizing that danger was not far off, hopped head first into a ditch just as the car wrecked with a Pontiac, a few miles beyond Washington. Beach crawled from the ditch with mud from head to foot on him. After a close check, H. C. Smith was found missing, and nothing was heard from him until yesterday morning when he regained consciousness in a Washington hospital. How he got there, Smith was unable to say.

H. C. Smith was driving when the accident occurred and it was said that both cars were badly damaged.

Child of Mr. and Mrs. Mobley Is Improving

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Mobley is getting along very well in a Philadelphia hospital where it was carried to have a button removed from its lung. Last week, while playing, the two-year old child picked up a button and swallowed it.

Fine Arts Department Will Meet Thursday

Mrs. Harper Holliday, chairman of the Fine Arts department of the Woman's club has called a meeting Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the club rooms. All those wishing to join the department are asked to be present. The meeting will not be very long, it being for the purpose of organization only.

Christian Church Board Meeting Thursday Night

There will be an important meeting of the official board of the Christian church at the church Wednesday, March 14, following the regular Wednesday evening prayer service. All members of the official board are urged to be present as this is the first and one of the most important meetings of the board.

J. H. HALE, Pastor.

Mrs. A. F. Walker Dies in Oak City

Mrs. A. F. Walker, a resident of Oak City during the past year and a half, died at the teacherage there the latter part of last week, after a illness of several weeks.

The body was carried to Georgia for burial.

Mr. Emil Rosenthal, of the Wachovia Banking and Trust Company was here attending to business today.

FARMERS LOOK FOR GOOD CROP IRISH POTATOES

Expect To Produce Around 85,000 Barrels of Spuds This Year

2,000 ACRES PLANTED

Crop in Aurora Section Not Thought To Be As Well Off As That Around Bethel

According to information coming from the upper end of this county and from around Bethel, in Pitt, a good Irish potato crop is expected in that section this season. Around two thousand acres have been planted to the spuds in that section, ten thousand bags of seed potatoes being used in the planting.

Many of the farmers who have examined their plantings state that only a small percentage of the seed have rotted, and that if good weather conditions continue, around 85,000 barrels of potatoes will be raised this year.

In the Aurora section where so many potatoes are raised each year, it is stated that a larger percentage of the seed have rotted than was the case in the Bethel section. Wet weather about planting time, was said to have been the cause of a larger percentage of the seed rotting in that section. However, no serious damage is expected to result from rotten seed in either place.

UNIQUE PRAYER FOR BANKERS

Mississippi Pastor Surprises Meeting With Prayer in Bankers' Language

Down in Mississippi there was recently a convention of bankers. Proceedings were to be opened by prayer and when Dr. T. D. Bateman, pastor of the Columbus Presbyterian Church, raised his hands the bankers composed themselves for the customary blessing on their proceedings. The following was what they heard for the edification of their benighted souls:

"Eternal God, our Heavenly Father, we are all bankrupt in Thy presence and that is why we pray for a blessing on these bankers. May their hearts be easier for Thy spirit to enter than their steel vaults are for people who are broke. May there be no time locks on their souls as they stand before Thee. Save them from bolting the doors of their hearts at 3 o'clock if Thou hast business to transact with them. May their assets in the sight of men make them assets in the sight of Thee. Help them to remember that, though banks may be fireproof, bankers are not, as Dives could tell them.

"Save them from saying their prayers to Andrew Mellon and General Motors. May they await as anxiously of the Lord as some of them are waiting for Ford's new car. And when the devil carries them up on to some high mountain and shows them 1,000 per cent and an automobile as long as a block, may they be just as careful then as they are when a stranger presents a check at the bank window. Save them from being choked to spiritual death by gold dust, and may they get away from this section without having their immortal souls asphyxiated by natural, unnatural and supernatural gas. May there never be a run on the bank of their spirits, and may they have no dread of the Great Examiner.

"And when the adding machines are silent, and the typewriter is muffled, and the close of business has come, may they enter the great clearing house above, with eyes as frank and faces as unafraid as they were when they knelt as children by their mother's knee down in the old homestead in the dead, dead days beyond recall. Amen."

Fire Department Adds To Its Equipment

A brand new truck with all modern attachments will make a complete outfit of the fire-fighting organization here, for Chief Henry Harrison has just purchased several smoke masks for his crew. Mr. Harrison supplied his men with coats and other paraphernalia some time ago, and with the adding of the masks, the volunteer company is well fitted excepting a truck.

112 Cases of Measles In And Near Creswell

One hundred and twelve cases of measles were reported in Creswell and community, according to a report coming from Washington county today. Eighty nine of the cases, it said, were reported in Creswell. The report was for the month of February.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY

KEN MAYNARD

Also

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And Serial

"Heroes of the Wild"

and

FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY

Theatre Well Heated