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Castor Oil Company Sees Possibilities In Bean Production In Jackson

Farm Agents Investigating Possible Production Of Bean As Cash Crop

The Jackson County Farm Office was quick to take advantage of the recent announcement of the Castor Oil Products Company that this region might be suitable for the growing of Castor beans.

In reply to the Farm Office's correspondence, the following telegram was received by W. T. Brown, county farm agent:

"Replying to your letter of December 11th please conduct preliminary survey to determine approximately how much acreage you can get planted in Castor Beans. Will be in your territory shortly after first of year and will call on you personally."

Claude C. Ballew
Regional Sales Manager
Castor Oil Products Co.

The sudden interest in the Castor Bean comes as a result of the decision of the Castor Company to build Western North Carolina into a Castor Bean producing area. Previously the beans have been imported from China, India and South America. The Castor people have also made known their intentions to build a plant in the Western part of the state if enough farmers can be interested in producing the crop.

Farm Agent Brown reported that the interest of the Farm Office was in line with the plan of the agricultural workers of the county to increase the income of Jackson county farmers by taking advantage of the natural conditions that exist here. "We don't know absolutely that our County is suited to the production of this crop, but in the event it is, we want to be in on the ground floor of this development if there is money to be made out of it," the farm agent said.

Farmers, who might be interested in producing this crop, are requested to let the County Agent, Vocational Agriculture Teachers, or FHA Supervisor know. This crop is being investigated, and if it appears worthwhile the farmers of our county will be notified.

Herald Shop To Be Closed Friday, Saturday And Monday

In order to give the shop force of The Herald a much needed rest the shop will be closed Friday, Saturday and Monday for the holidays. The force will be back Tuesday morning, December 27. The front office will only be closed Monday the 26th.

Santa Due Here Sat. Night; Enjoyed Visit Last Week-end

Santa Claus has returned to his home and workshop at the North Pole following his visit to Sylva and other Western North Carolina towns last Friday and Saturday.

Just before leaving town late Saturday evening he expressed thanks for the fine reception given him by the people of Sylva "especially that fire-truck ride", he said. "I don't get many chances to ride one of them very often!"

Santa reported that he talked with a great many Jackson county children during his visit. On Saturday he met more than 3,000 because he passed out 3,400 suckers and just as much chewing gum. He said that he hears a great many requests for Christmas presents and knew that there were many millions more letters waiting for him to read when he returned to the North Pole.

PMA Community Committeemen Are Selected

Elections were held in the fifteen communities of Jackson County for the purpose of electing a delegate to attend the County Convention which was held in the PMA office at 10 o'clock December 16; and for the purpose of electing committeemen to serve their respective communities for 1850. The following committeemen were elected:

Barkers Creek—J. T. Jones, chairman; Frank C. Green, Arthur Brooks, Henry A. Green, General Jones.

Qualla—W. T. Gass, chairman; Fred Ferguson, Smith Queen, Frank Kinsland and H. O. Crisp.

Caney Ford—Wayne Lovedahl, chairman; John Farley, Harry Brown, Alvin Moore, Howard Wood.

River — J. C. Millsaps, chairman; Edwin Brown, T. A. Jackson, Walter Jackson, J. J. Hooper.

Canada—Dewey Parker, chairman; Ralph Broom, Vessie Mathis, Walter Melton and Charles Parker.

Callowhee—R. S. Shelton, chairman; John Phillips, Carl Smith, Henry Taylor and Lonnie Dills.

Sylva—T. C. Bryson, chairman; Lee Bumgarner, F. E. Parker, Fred McLain, Kenyon Moody.

Dillsboro—Boyd Brown, chairman; E. B. Monteith, J. C. Patterson, Lewis Cochran and Fred Jacobs.

Webster — Charlie Frizzell, chairman; Paul Green, Caro Cole, Walter Allman and Alvin Cabe.

Scotts Creek — L. M. Crisp, chairman; Robert Holden, J. D.

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Methodist Sunday School Program Tonight

The annual Christmas program of the Sunday school will be given at the Sylva Methodist church tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 in the church auditorium.

The program will be presented by the boys and girls of the Sunday School. A religious pageant is scheduled as well as a Santa play-let. A special feature of the evening will be a visit by Santa Claus himself.

The adults of the community are invited to join with the children in the Christmas entertainment.



The Heralded Message

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:7-14

Scott Promises More Rural Fire Protection

Cities Bearing Burden Of Fire Departments, Seek County Support

Governor Scott asserted at a recent firemen's meeting that he would use all the means at his disposal to obtain more adequate fire protection for rural areas.

The Governor addressed about 100 members of the State Fire Chiefs Association and a number of city and county officials from throughout the State at a banquet meeting in the Sir Walter Hotel of Raleigh. Three Jackson county citizens were present at the meeting. Tommy Clayton represented the county, Bart Cope, went on behalf of the Fire Department and Carl Corbin attended the meeting as a representative of the town. Britton Moore also represented the Fire Department.

During an afternoon meeting in the House chamber of the capitol, December 13, the association reviewed plans for rural fire control and adopted a resolution requesting the Governor to appoint a committee to study those plans.

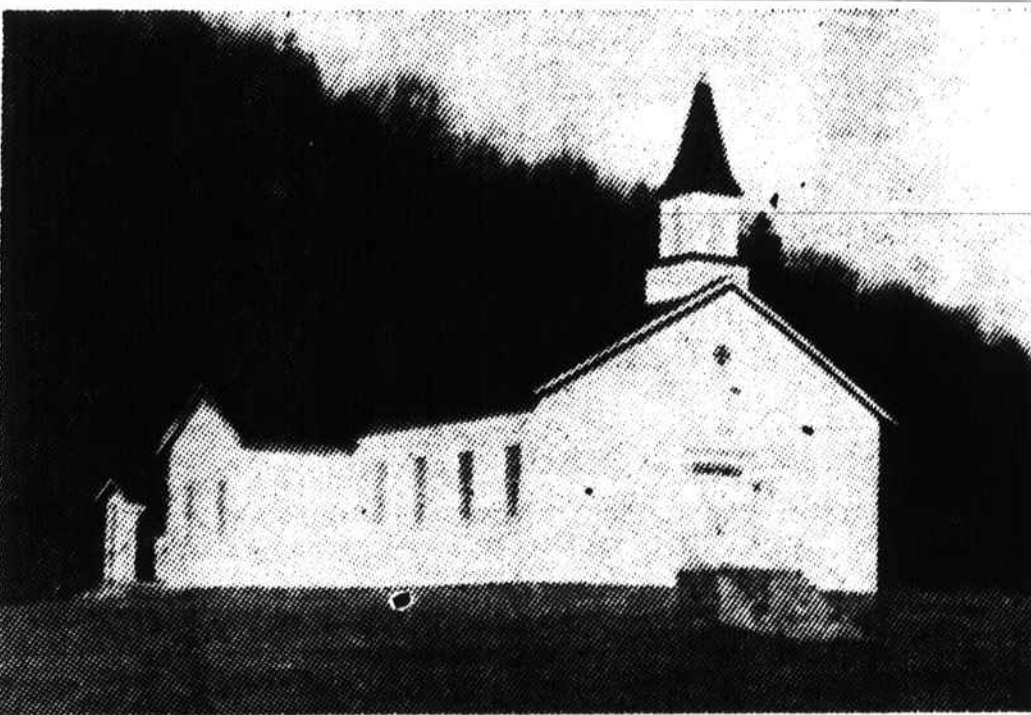
At the close of the banquet, Governor Scott said he would give the names of those appointed to the committee to State Insurance Commissioner Waldo C. Cheek sometime soon.

During his address, the Governor pointed out that a rural fire protection plan was first dependent upon adequate communication mediums such as telephones and good roads.

The Chief Executive of North Carolina told the gathering that when he was a youngster living on a farm, he was constantly faced with a realization that greater fire protection should be available for rural communities. He said that this realization was one of the things affecting his decision to run for Governor.

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To Observe 100th Anniversary 25th



This is a picture of the Hamburg Baptist church at Glenville which will be the scene of special services on Christmas Day in observance of the 100th year of the church. The building above was erected in 1940, of frame with asbestos siding. It contains an auditorium with seating capacity of 350; has 8 Sunday school class rooms and an enrollment of 150. The church membership is now 220.

A beautiful, modern manse of rock veneer has recently been completed and stands to the right of the church building.

CITY LEAGUE HEADS MEET FRIDAY NIGHT TO PLAN SEASON

A meeting of managers of the City Basketball League was held Monday night at the High School for the purpose of making plans for the coming City League season. The main accomplishment of the meeting was that of making several suggestions and the calling of a meeting for Friday night at 7:30 at the same place, at which time these suggestions will be presented to the team managers for adoption.

One important difference in this year's set-up will be that the League will publish rules and regulations before the start of the season and have them in the hands of the managers. Such a system is intended to prevent a recurrence of the difficulties which preceded last year's tournament when the rules were misunderstood by several teams.

Another point to be decided at

Sylva Firms Extend Season's Greetings

Practically every business firm in Sylva is represented in The Herald this week in their annual Christmas Greeting to their friends and customers. Sylva business firms have enjoyed good business this year and they appreciate the patronage of the people of the county. They certainly deserve the loyal support of every Jackson county citizen as there is no group of business people anywhere who have responded to as many calls for financial support for various causes as have these firms. The churches, the schools, the clubs, civic organizations, and individuals are constantly seeking and receiving money and merchandise from the merchants. They, along with the farmer, are the backbone of the economy of our county. They deserve our business.

BOSSAMON'S In Sylva

Hamburg Baptist Mark 100 Years Of Service On Christmas Day

Crop Collections Total 198 Bushels

Jackson county's CROP shipment left yesterday to join the rest of the nation's goodwill offering to needy persons of the world. 198 bushels of corn were collected in the county. Combined with the 175 bushels collected in Macon county it made up a half carload of corn.

The shipment brought to a close the efforts of county ministers who had given much of their time since November in planning and conducting the campaign. Ministers throughout the county were instrumental in bringing the appeal for generosity to the attention of their congregations. Special collections were taken in order to give those who had raised no corn a chance to contribute to the cause.

The corn will go to the CROP central collections location from Sylva and from there to areas of the world which are in dire need of assistance.

HUGH MONTEITH AGAIN HEADS SCOUT COUNCIL

Mayor Hugh Monteith of this city was re-elected president of the Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts of America, Tuesday night at a meeting of Scout Executives in Asheville.

It was announced that final figures for 1949 reveal that 2,504 Scouts and Cubs are enrolled in troops and packs in the council. This is the highest membership total the council has ever had.

The annual council Scouters convention will be held at Central Methodist church in Asheville January 9.

Men Named To Administer 1950 PMA Program

Delegates elected by the fifteen communities of the county met in the PMA office Friday, December 16, and elected the following men to administer the PMA Program for 1850 as County Committeemen:

J. L. Stewart, Chairman, Norton; Blaine Nicholson, Vice-Chairman, Cowarts; C. P. Shelton, Regular Member, Whittier; Wayne Lovedahl, First Alternate, Cowarts; Frank Owen, Second Alternate, Whittier.

The newly elected Committee held its first meeting Tuesday, December 20, and elected Mrs. Ellen N. Corbin as Secretary and Miss Frances Bryson as Treasurer of the Association.

Sylva Firemen Increase Range Cope Puts Out High Point Fire

The Sylva Fire Department puts a fire out wherever it finds one, brother! There are some bewildered firemen in High Point who will vouch for that.

Bart Cope, local fire chief, was on his way to the fire-chiefs meeting in Raleigh last week, accompanied by Carl Corbin, Tommy Clayton, and Britton Moore. Just after passing through High Point, Bart suddenly told his companions, "I see some smoke up ahead there — guess there's a fire!" And with that, he went racing up the highway in the direction of the suspected fire.

Glenville People To Honor Memory Of Founders In Special Program

This year, 1949, is Centennial year for Hamburg Baptist Church at Glenville. The church was organized on July 12, 1849 with 16 members.

On Sunday, December 25, at 11 o'clock a service will be held honoring the founders of the church. They are: Alexander Wilson, Alfred Wilson, Thompson Wilson, Magness Teague, Milton Moss, Jackson Shelton, Sarah Wilson, Lydia Ledford, Elvira Teague, Rebecca Wilson, Mary Wilson, Jane Moss, Lucinda Evitt, Ruth Moss, Jemimah Evitt and Mary Stuart. The pastor of the church, the Rev. L. J. Rogers, and two former pastors, the Rev. W. N. Cook and Rev. T. F. Deitz will conduct the service.

The church has a previous record to the actual organization. For several years it was the Hamburg Arm of the Caney Fork Church, holding meetings in a building afterwards known as the Burnt Meeting House.

The original site of the church was on property donated by Alfred Wilson, one of the founding fathers. The building was of logs with a huge fireplace for heating. The pews were hand hewn benches. This building was replaced in 1908 by a two story frame structure used jointly as a church and Masonic Hall. The present building was erected in 1940 when the church was moved to its present location because of the construction of Glenville Dam.

The oldest member of the church is Mrs. Tallulah Owen Franks known as "Aunt Lula" who has been an active member of the church for seventy years. She is the granddaughter of Alfred Wilson, and daughter of the Rev. John L. Owen, a pioneer pastor, having served the church in its early days for about forty years.

Among the prominent ministers who have gone out from the church are Dr. Fred Brown of Knoxville, Tennessee; the Rev. Jesse R. Owens of Asheville; and Dr. Jesse C. Owen of Lakeland, Florida, former Missionary to (Continued on page 12)

Sylva To Observe Monday As Holiday

Since Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year the Merchants Association of Sylva has announced that all stores will be closed on Monday in order to give the owners and employees a holiday in addition to the regular Sunday lay-off.

Mead Corporation will give its employees an extra day on Saturday, closing the plant on Saturday and Sunday. In closing down on Saturday the Company feels that the men would rather have that day to do last minute Christmas shopping rather than to work on Saturday and be off on Monday.