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Nash County Farm Tour Is Enjoyed By Large Group

The second annual Nash County farm tour was witnessed by 51 people announced J. S. Sugg, Nash County Farm Demonstration Agent, who conducted the farm tour.

The prize of a Sheaffer fountain pen furnished by the Ward Drug Company of Nashville for the best description of tour written went to Mrs. Frank P. Phillips of Battleboro. The second prize, a bag of fertilizer, furnished by Gray R. King, went to J. G. Vick, Nashville, Route 1. The prize of one pair of overalls, for the person responsible for the greatest number of people from any one community went to Mrs. Will May of the Corinth community.

According to Mr. Sugg the farmers gathered on the porch of the Nash County Court House at 8:45 A. M. on Tuesday morning, July 5, and received instructions pertaining to the schedule of the tour. From Nashville the tour proceeded to Castalia where the group was shown a meadow strip which was very interesting on the farm of W. J. Lancaster, a demonstration Service in cooperation with the Agricultural Extension Service and Soil Conservation Service at Raleigh and Franklinton. The meadow strip was sown with Bermuda grass, White Dutch Clover, Red top clover, orchard grass and lespedeza. There were 12 terraces in the meadow strip bringing water from an area of approximately 28 acres. The vegetation planted in the meadow strip held the soil and there was no sign of erosion from the large amount of water which it has carried. The strip is now being used by Mr. Lancaster for the purpose of grazing cows.

The next stop was of very much interest. A 4-H club boy by the name of Charles Cone had on display a beautiful Hereford steer which he is feeding to show at the State Fair next fall in competition with other baby beef projects of 4-H club members throughout the state. Charles purchased the steer when it weighed 460 pounds. The steer is now eating 27 pounds of concentrates consisting of ground corn, cotton seed meal and molasses feed. In addition the steer has the hay he can eat. The steer will be sold for beef after the fair. It is estimated that the steer is gaining three pounds per day at the present time.

Rural electrification and its utilizations were topics of the next demonstration at M. F. Morgan's farm. Electrical appliances such as irons, vacuum cleaner, fans, refrigerator, water heater, water pump, electric water for the grindstone, radio and various lightning fixtures were seen in operation at Mr. Morgan's. In addition to this electrification project a beautiful registered Percheron stallion and a registered Ayer-shire bull was shown the group while at Mr. Morgan's.

From Mr. Morgan's farm the group journeyed to C. S. Bunn's farm where the most economical water system in existence was viewed, the hydraulic ram. This ram has been used by Mr. Bunn for thirteen

teen years with a maintenance cost of only \$22.00. This ram was powered to operate by a spring on Mr. Bunn's farm and furnishes ample water supply for the farm needs, two years ago.

The colony hog house for the sanitary production of hogs was viewed at Mr. Bunn's also and a great deal of interest was shown in the crop rotation plan that Mr. Bunn follows. Mr. Bunn puts on land every year followed by cotton and then followed by tobacco. A beautiful field of tobacco was seen growing on which soybeans had grown. At J. A. Daniel's farm the group was convinced that it paid him to treat his cotton seed. On one field a beautiful stand of cotton was seen growing and in an adjoining field where the seed were not treated, even though all other conditions were the same, a poor stand was seen.

While dinner was being prepared by Buck Overton at Sandy Cross J. W. Bone's yard was viewed by the crowd and Mrs. Gordon, Home Demonstration Agent, explained some of the very good points in home beautification. Mr. Bone had demonstrated to all who had made a visit to his place that a fine lawn can be made by planting the proper seed and preparing the soil properly before the seed are planted.

While lunch was being served the Planters Golden Bell Boys furnished string band music for the group. At the first stop after dinner a longleaf pine planting demonstration was seen on the farm of Mrs. Susan J. Langley. Mr. Page, Assistant Extension Forester, from State College discussed the forestry problems of Nash County.

A three year rotation was next explained on the farm of K. E. Bone and a vetch demonstration showing the value of vetch as a soil improver was also explained. The purpose of the three year demonstration is to improve the soil and reduce the possibilities of disease infections in the soil.

From there the crowd journeyed to the last stop on the farm of C. E. Bell. At this stop many things were to be seen. An electric water system was being installed in Mr. Bell's home which was in the process of being remodeled. The County Agent explained the location of different parts of the water system and explained Mr. Bell's system of diversification in farming. The different sources of income which Mr. Bell had was brought out by the County Agent which amounted in number to thirteen. At this point the tour adjourned at 4 P. M. as per schedule.

Agronomists at State College report research results showing that where tests were made with lime and sweet clover over a period of years, corn yields were boosted from 39 to 63 bushels an acre and the production cost was cut from 64 to 47 cents a bushel.

Vance Lowe of the Elon College 4-H club recently purchased two pure bred Jersey heifers and one bull from Iredell breeders.

Old Hay House Dismantled To Build New Store Here

Frame Building At Marigold And Main Will Be Replaced By Brick Market

Dismantling of the old Hales and Edwards hay house, a frame storage building at Marigold and S. E. Main street built in the 1890's was begun yesterday.

The structure will be replaced by a modern brick building which will house one of the new A & P "super-markets," a type of self-service grocery store that is being introduced into several cities of North Carolina.

"If the weather permits, we hope to be operating in the new building by September 1," was the statement of A. Fant, district supervisor, as workmen began to dismantle the old hay house.

The frame building had not been used in recent years except occasionally for storage and the board of aldermen had considered condemning it. The Hales Edwards

Company, which originally used it, is believed to be the second business house to be established in Rocky Mount, later becoming the George S. Edwards Company.

The property is now owned by B. D. Rabil, who is building the new store. The building and the store altogether will represent an investment, District Supervisor Fant estimated, of \$35,000 or more.

The new structure will be a one-story brick building 126 by 41 feet, with 5,500 square feet of floor space. When completed it will be, Fant said, "one of the most modern and up-to-date stores in eastern Carolina."

The "super-market" is a new kind of A & P store, he said. Several of the "super-markets" have recently been opened in other cities of the state, one opening in Raleigh three weeks ago, in Hendersonville last week, and others in Charlotte, Durham and High Point.

250,000 ARE PLEDGED TO DRIVE SAFELY

If all of the cars of all of the people who have pledged themselves to drive safely in the Puro-Pop Drive Safety Crusade were placed end to end, they would reach in a solid line from Raleigh, N. C., thru Atlanta, Ga., to Chattanooga, Tenn., according to latest figures made public today by J. B. A. Daughtridge local Puro-Pop agent. Over one-fourth million signed pledge cards have been turned in at the Crusade headquarters, he declared.

The Drive Safety Crusade—now under way for over three months—is being conducted in Georgia, Tennessee and the Carolinas under the leadership of Wiley L. Moore, one of the South's leading citizens and president of the Wofford Oil Company, the Pure Oil Co. of Tennessee and the Pure Oil Co. of the Carolinas.

A red, white and blue "Pledged To Drive Safely" emblem that fastens on the license plate is given to each person who signs the pledge and thousands of these safety reminders are now traveling the streets and highways of Dixie. Day by day, the number of emblems is increasing and each one represents a driver who has not only pledged himself to drive safely, but who is doing his part to help make the other fellow safety conscious too.

Cash prize contests conducted in connection with the Drive Safety Crusade have helped to popularize the subject of safe driving. The contests are based on some phase of the safety problem. For instance, \$3,750 will be given away in July in a contest centered around a picture in which there are traffic mistakes for the contestants to discover. First prize is \$500.00.

Thousands have already entered the preceding contests in this series. At first, the contests were limited to drivers only, but now they are open to everyone who is a legal resident of Georgia, the Carolinas or Tennessee, in the belief that everybody needs to take an interest in safe driving, regardless of whether they drive an automobile or not.

Motorists who have not yet enlisted in the Drive Safety Crusade are invited to visit any Puro-Pop dealer for full information. The opportunity to help with the safety problem will be quickly provided.

Infant Dies From Dose of Box Lye

Four-Months Old Negro Child Allegedly Fed Concoction By Nurse

Tarboro, July 6.—Mary Lee Dickens, a nine year old Negro nurse from Marten County, admitted today that she mixed a solution of box lye, sugar and water, and gave it to four-months-old baby girl of Percy Harrison, Negro tenant farm, on the Orb Savage farm, near Speed. Harrison was in the field yesterday when the Negro girl ran to him and said the little baby had a funny look. The father ran to the house, where he found the child dead, with evidence of the box lye oozing out of its mouth.

Asked to explain, the girl said she was "playing" and "didn't know" that the stuff was poisonous. Harrison came to Tarboro this morning, and told Sheriff W. E. Bardin and Clerk of Superior Court A. T. Walston, who turned the case over to Mary Ellen Forbes, welfare and child delinquent head for Edgecombe. Mrs. Forbes stated at noon that she didn't know what action would be taken as there was no home for wayward and uncontrollable Negro girls in the state.

Coroner J. G. Raby said that he would investigate but that all the facts tended to show that the baby died as the result of having been given poison.

Harrison obtained the girl from Oak City for the summer to look after his two children, aged 3 years and four months. The three year old child was unharmed.

Attorneys say there is nothing that can be done with the Negro girl whether she intended to kill or did it accidentally.

It's an easy matter to chase any man you can get on the run.

Pleistocene Skull for Fair Exhibit



At work on a reconstruction of a life-sized head of the largest pleistocene bison skull ever found are Miss Ardis McNeil and William G. Huff, who are preparing the exhibit as a part of the display of the University of California at the 1939 Golden Gate International exposition.

R. A. Fountain and Son Build New Warehouse In Farmville

The tobacco market at Farmville will open this season with five tobacco warehouses. Prior to this season four houses have been run in Farmville by two firms. R. A. Fountain and sons of Fountain, will open a new house there this fall and the building is now under construction. This new warehouse will be known as Fountains warehouse and will be one of the most up-to-date and modern in the state and large enough when filled with tobacco for a days sale with one set of buyers. Farmville market is one of the largest markets of the state and right in the heart of the flue cure tobacco belt.

NEW BRIDGE IS NEARLY COMPLETED

Construction On Falls Road Bridge Expected To Be Completed By August 1

The Falls Road highway bridge, under construction since June of last year, will probably be completed by August 1, it has been learned from W. O. Sessoms, superintendent of construction.

The floor of the \$87,000 bridge has been practically finished and the concrete sidewalks are partially completed. The approaches to the bridge are being graded and remain to be paved.

The new bridge will offer a 36-foot roadway for highway traffic, nearly doubling the traffic width of the old bridge, about 20 feet. The roadway will be flanked by two five-foot sidewalks.

Constructed of reinforced concrete, the bridge will be of a modern design similar to the Tar river bridge on the Battleboro highway at the northern edge of the city. It is expected to improve the appearance of the Falls Road crossing and to offer greater visibility.

The bridge is being constructed by Kiker and Yount, contractors of Reidsville. During the past 12 months 40 to 50 men have been employed in the construction.

Work of the bridge was seriously delayed in the spring by the flooding of Tar river, which washed away temporary bridges and caused some of the construction machinery to be lost in the river. Further delay resulted from unfavorable conditions unexpectedly found at the river bed when the work of setting piles was begun.

Prompt applications of quick-acting fertilizer, such as nitrate of soda, are advocated for corn, cotton, sweet potatoes by agronomists of the North Carolina Experiment Station due to the constant rains which have leached out the original plant food material.

George Lathan has been declared the champion wheat grower of Union County with a yield of 58 bushels per acre. He turned under a heavy crop of cowpeas and used 500 pounds of 16 percent superphosphate per acre in preparing his land for the wheat.

Is The Mayor Practicing His Slogan?

It has been a custom in Rocky Mount for the city banking business to be divided among the banks in fact the banks have demanded it and rightfully so. According to agreement the City's banking business is carried on by one bank one year and the next year by the other bank and when we had three commercial banks it rotated among the three. The city insurance business formerly was written by two firms Wilks-Bulluck Insurance Company and Rocky Mount Insurance and Realty Company, until a great protest among the other insurance agencies arose and the public's insurance business of the city was divided and much of the city business is carried on this way except the legal business of the city. Up until about 12 or 15 years ago the city never had a regular employed attorney and the legal business of the city was handled by the late L. V. Bassett. Some time prior to Mr. Bassett's death the present city attorneys, Messrs. William Thorpe and Isaac Thorpe received their license and were appointed city attorneys and Senator L. V. Bassett, a man of great legal experience was supplanted with salary at \$200 per month besides receiving attorneys fee in tax suits which has given these gentlemen according to the best information this paper can get between three and four thousand dollars per year since their appointment which was in the neighborhood of twelve or fifteen years ago, receiving this money apparently without even the formality of a new election or if there has been a new election it has never been given out to the press or the salaries. The lawyers have stood around on the streets and discussed this unfairness, but lacking the boldness of the banks, insurance companies and other business interests have done their talking on the streets and not before the Board of Aldermen for they felt it probably lacked some dignity which they threw off last Saturday.

The Mayor of Rocky Mount's slogan, Mayor J. Q. Robinson in his campaign last year for mayor against Honorable T. W. Coleman, the incumbent, was "passing the honors around." Now we have no criticisms to offer of Messrs. Thorpe and Thorpe but certainly there are many firms of lawyers that are peers in every capacity of the city attorneys and when they were appointed being largely without experience supplanted, probably the ablest lawyer in this character of practice in eastern Carolina when they were without experience. The city has always followed the practice since these attorneys were appointed when it had important litigation of employing assistance for the city attorneys. The last suit the city had of any consequence was the Hamilton case. In this suit in addition to the city attorney Messrs. Spruill and Spruill were paid \$450, Messrs. Battle and Winslow \$450 and Mr. J. P. Bunn and T. T. Thorne were to help to try the case should it reach the jury which it never did. Mr. Bunn \$200 and Mr. Thorne \$125 so it shows that the Board of Aldermen does consider that Rocky Mount has attorneys which it considers the peers of the present city attorney in every respect and capacity. But why should the City of Rocky Mount need these lawyers to sit in their meetings every meeting like wet nurses when the mayor himself is an outstanding lawyer. The mayor pro-tem an unusual outstanding lawyer and the city manager himself a lawyer of capacity, yet it appears that the Board in order to give recognition to these city attorneys cannot meet or does not meet without them or one of them. This attorneyship was created according to information under the mayorality of L. L. Gravelly who is a very close friend of the owner of the Evening Telegram who is a brother-in-law of the present city attorney. Other lawyers in Rocky Mount have wives and children who at times have been in need. Now is it fair that the city legal business shall be conducted by one firm of lawyers with the great number of lawyers in Rocky Mount who can do the work. These lawyers families need bread and meat and some of the luxuries that this salary is buying for the city attorney.

LAWYERS URGE CHANGE IN RULES OF ETHICS

The district meeting of the Bar Association here last Saturday brought a very discouraging outlook for the future of the average lawyer. According to press reports and information received from attending persons. In time past it has been considered highly unprofessional for a lawyer to seek business and subject to disbarment. The lawyers here last Saturday went on record as favoring a change in the rules so as to permit lawyers to advertise their wares in competition with other agencies which are not only advertising their capacity to do legal work but sending solicitors out for this purpose. The question might be asked is not the lawyer himself responsible for this trying condition. For the past 10 or 12 years a few corporation lawyers in the state have put through the Legislature laws that practically take from the average citizen the right to have his case tried by a jury of his peers. This same class of lawyers under took to limit the supply of lawyers by new, unnecessary requirements, but still the number of lawyers has not decreased and the offshot and summary of the whole thing is that the lawyer has at last awakened to find that there are no longer courts to need their services. It appears that in only a short time many of the judges will lose their jobs for in this section the judges are not holding courts more than half time, and then the matters are so trivial as to not require much attention. At the district meeting in Franklin a Supreme Court Judge addressed the association and urged higher salaries for judges when the judges were receiving 8 thousand dollars salaries already, and when the lawyers whom they were ad-lars. \$8,000.00 seems a hefty salary for judges in comparison to the meager drippings of lawyers who heppen not to be of the favored class, many having to seek relief jobs.

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