

Home Demonstration Club Weekly Schedule

The February schedule of Home Demonstration clubs has been announced by Miss Jean Steele, county agent, as follows:

West Marion, Thursday, February 3, at 7:30 p. m., home of Mrs. R. V. Horton.

Cherry Springs, Monday, February 7, two o'clock, community building.

North Marion, Tuesday, February 15, at two o'clock, in the office of Miss Steele.

Laurel Grove, Wednesday, February 16, at two o'clock, home of Mrs. Charles Prestwood.

Providence, Wednesday, February 16, 7:30 p. m., home of Mrs. G. W. Miller.

Bethlehem, Thursday, February 17, two o'clock, at the lodge hall.

Greenlee, Friday, February 18, 7:30 p. m., home of Mrs. J. G. Burgin.

Turkey Cove, Monday, February 21, two o'clock, home of Mrs. M. D. Hollifield.

Nebo, Tuesday, February 22, two o'clock, home of Mrs. L. W. Sisk.

White Pine, February 22, 7:30 p. m., home of Mrs. Marion Wilkerson.

Cherry Springs, Wednesday, February 22, two o'clock, community building.

Glenwood, Thursday, February 24, two o'clock, school building.

Pleasant Gardens, Thursday, February 24, 7:30 p. m., home of Mrs. A. T. Ledbetter.

Dysartsville, Friday, February 25, two o'clock, home of Mrs. Clay McIntosh.

Shirlen Rites Held Tuesday

Albert L. Shirlen, 60, prominent resident of Marion, route 2, died at his home Sunday morning after a brief illness.

Funeral services were conducted in Marion Pentecostal Church at 2 p. m., Tuesday by the pastor, the Rev. R. G. Frazier, assisted by the Rev. Woodrow Smith of Lincolnton. Burial was in Stroudtown cemetery.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Daisy Kimsey Shirlen, one son, Wesley Shirlen of Marion, route 2; three brothers and four sisters, the Rev. J. M. Shirlen of Alta Vista, Va., Alfred Shirlen of Greensboro, Lawrence Shirlen of Old Fort, route 1, Mrs. J. H. Hayes and Mrs. Cleveland Campbell of Newton, Mrs. J. F. Kaylor of Marion, route 1, and Mrs. Ransom Wilson of Marion and six grandchildren.

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Gordon S. Justice Claimed By Death

Gordon S. Justice, 55, died Saturday morning in the Veterans Administration Hospital at Swannanoa after a brief illness.

Justice was a retired Durham policeman, a resident of the Cherry Springs section near Old Fort and a World War I veteran.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Eula Nanny Justice; one daughter, Mrs. Jewel Norris of Atlanta; one son, John C. Justice of the U. S. Army Air Forces, Eglin, Field, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Dan Davis of Old Fort; one half sister, Mrs. Melvin Williams of Marion, RFD 1; and one brother, Oscar Justice of Cherry Point, and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Cherry Springs Baptist church by Rev. Franklin Justice and burial was in the church cemetery.

Robert Earley Passes Sunday

Robert K. Earley, 51, died in a Marion hospital Sunday morning following a short illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p. m. in First Free Will Baptist church at East Marion. The Rev. F. H. Clayton and the Rev. John Floyd officiated. Burial was in Gilkey cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, four brothers, the Rev. Frank Earley and M. F. Earley of Caroleen; Melvin Earley of Rutherfordton and M. L. Earley of Statesville, and five sisters, Mrs. H. Taylor, Mrs. Mattie Duncan and Mrs. R. A. Taylor of Marion, Mrs. Ira Duncan of Guilford College and Mrs. Carol Fitzgerald of Asheville.

Governors of North Carolina were appointed by the General Assembly until 1835.

Miss Westmoreland Graduates At Meredith

Miss Margaret Westmoreland was one of five seniors at Meredith college granted degrees in the mid-year graduation exercises Saturday.

The mid-year graduating exercise was initiated in February, 1946, after Meredith college adopted the accelerated program of study during war years. Two other graduating exercises are held during each year; the regular commencement at the close of the College year, in May or June; and another at the end of the summer session each August.

FFA To Plant About A Million Trees In State During Year

Close to 500,000 trees will be planted in North Carolina this year by members of the Future Farmers of America.

The project is part of the regular instructional program for these farm youths who are devoting time to conservation farming and land use. It is being conducted in cooperation with the Division of Forestry and Parks, Department of Conservation and Development, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and private agencies.

The trees will be set on land which is eroded, too steep, or in other ways not suitable for cultivation. In some instances, school demonstration forests will be started on land owned or controlled by local schools.

Shortleaf and Loblolly Pine, Yellow Poplar and White Pine seedlings will be used in this continuing reforestation project.

State Certifies 38,378 Bushels Of Seed Potatoes

North Carolina Irish potato growers will have 38,378 bushels of home-grown, certified seed available for purchase this spring, officials of the State Crop Improvement Association have announced. Foil McLaughlin, research instructor in agronomy at State College, completed his inspection of the seed crop last week.

The approved potatoes were produced by 88 growers who will now be able to place certified seed stock on the market. The potatoes of 12 additional growers were rejected, McLaughlin said. Some of these rejected potatoes will be marketed as non-certified seed.

Avery County growers produced 26,433 bushels, or about two thirds of the total amount certified. Other counties producing certified seed include Ashe, 6,000 bushels; Mitchell, 1,995; Watauga, 1,700; Haywood, 1,200; Henderson, 400; Transylvania, 300 each; and Alleghany, 50.

Ring rot and net necrosis, two serious potato diseases, were the main reasons why about 4,000 bushels of seed failed to meet certification requirements. McLaughlin said ring rot is so serious and so easily spread that in harvesting, storing and cutting seed pieces that no tolerance is allowed in certified seed stock. In most cases samples were double-checked by State College plant pathologists who used the gram-stain testing procedure.

Net necrosis, found mainly at lower altitudes, is a tuber disease apparently associated with purple top and blue stem wilts. Because it causes hairy sprouts and weakens the potato plants, only 5 per cent tolerance is allowed.

Sequoia was the principal variety grown. Only a few Essex and Kahadin seed were produced.

AIR MAIL

Air mail volume for December broke all records, according to the Postoffice Department. Reports from the field indicate an increase of 40 per cent over December, 1947. More than 13,500,000 pounds were handled this year, as compared with 9,116,693 pounds in December, 1947. Much of the increase was attributed to air parcel post, started last September.

Forty-nine countries of the world are now carrying on soil conservation plans largely patterned after those being followed by United States farmers.

Average tobacco production in the State in 1948 was 1,236 pounds per acre as compared with only 1,145 pounds per acre the previous year.

Estimates on the 1948 corn crop now place the State average at 31 bushels per acre. Total production was about 69 million bushels.

Production of farm machinery last year exceeded the previous record, established in 1947, by about 15 per cent.

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