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Six Agricultural Picnics Scheduled For Next Week

Third Annual Series Of Ag-
ricultural Picnics Begin
Wednesday, Sept. 23rd

TWO SCHEDULED
FOR EACH DAY

By H. K. Sanders.

The third annual series of agricultural picnics for Person County will begin at Harmony and Olive Hill schoolhouses next Wednesday, September 23rd, at ten o'clock in the morning and run for the day until 3:30 P. M. There will be two groups of speakers, one of which will speak at Harmony in the morning and come to Olive Hill for the afternoon, and those that speak at Olive Hill in the morning will go to Harmony for the afternoon meeting.

On Thursday, September 24th the meetings are scheduled to be at Allensville and Bushy Fork, while the meetings at Helena and Hurdle Mills are scheduled to be held Friday, Sept. 25th.

All meetings are to begin at 10 A. M. at each place and close at 3:30 P. M. By all being on time the meeting can start on time at each place and give the speakers time required to develop the subjects they are to discuss.

The other series of meetings that have been held for the last two years have meant a great deal to the farmers of the county who have taken advantage of the opportunity.

It is especially desired that the school auditorium at each of the places will be crowded to capacity this year. There was never a time when we need to pay more attention to the problems of the farm and home than at the present time.

Mr. E. B. Morrow of State College will be present at each place to discuss the matter of saving the sweet potato crop through the winter.

The most of us save our potatoes until Christmas then the potatoes rot. By following a certain line of management there is no need for the potatoes to rot after we have made them. This is an important phase of our farming that has been overlooked in the county, but the county agent has at last realized that something had to be done, and this will afford the farmers an opportunity to study this subject.

Miss Ruth McCollum, County Nurse, will discuss matters relating to health, all of which are important, for where there is no health, there can be but little energy and happiness.

Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon will be present Tuesday and Friday to discuss matters relating to the farm home. Mrs. McKimmon is a forceful speaker, a woman of charming personality and earnest conviction of the problems that the farm woman has to contend with. It is earnestly desired that the farm women of Person County will make every possible effort to hear Mrs. McKimmon and bring your husband along as well to hear what she has to say.

We might as well get our minds off of making money for the present it seems, and get down to brass tacks regarding the struggle on the farm for the survival of the fittest. Even though you may be feeling blue, throw these blues away to the sunshine and come to the meetings and spend a day together with your neighbors and to hear what the speakers have to say, then go back home and try to put as many of the things into practice as you can under the conditions.

Better Bay Clinic Held Every Friday

The Better Baby clinic will be held at the court house in the Health Office every Friday from one to five.

If there are other mothers interested I will be glad to have them enroll their babies. Each mother will have an individual conference concerning her child each time she comes to the clinic.

Ruth McCollum, Nurse.

Birthday Celebrated

Sunday about one hundred and fifty relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr. J. H. Foushee to celebrate his 64th birthday. Mr. Foushee is one of the County's most respected citizens, and one of the best farmers in the County. A bountiful dinner was served on the lawn.

A World War Veteran And His Forty Acres

When John Marvin Davis returned from the World War he had \$200 and 40 acres of land in the Eureka section of Moore County. He spent the \$200 in getting back into "civilian." Then he borrowed \$1,000 and went to farming on his unimproved 40 acres. Today there is a modern home on the place and young Davis owns a herd of 21 purebred Guernseys. "I owe only \$200 and that is for fertilizer used on 6 acres of tobacco grown by a tenant, who helps me produce feed for my cows," he said recently. He maintains a milk route at Southern Pines, about 12 miles away. He estimates that he makes \$80 to \$100 a month, exclusive of his home and what he produces for household use, off his place. He started with one milk cow and this summer he milked an average of twelve.

King One—Mercy sakes, how did you happen to become so disabled? Trampus—Ma'am, I overtaxed my constitution lookin' fer a job.

SALE OF FARMS GAIN IN NUMBER

Increased Demand For Them
Evinced By People Living
In The Cities

FEDERAL LAND BANKS
SALES TOTAL \$1,000,000

Washington, Sept. 13.—E. B. Reid, representing the Federal Land Banks, here issued an interesting statement today showing an increase in the sale of farms of a million dollars.

F. H. Klawon, president of the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul, Minn., said: "The 12 Federal Land Banks sold during the first seven months of this year more than a million dollars' worth of farms in excess of the amount sold in a similar period in 1930. Last year they sold, in the 12 months, about \$8,000,000 worth of farms. This year, in seven months, they sold \$6,395,456 worth of farms compared with \$5,274,098 in an equal time last year. This indicates that this year the banks will probably surpass their last year's record."

The Columbia (S. C.) district, composed of Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, sold from January 31, 1931, 544 farms for \$1,246,352, compared with 201 farms for \$555,373 for the first seven months of 1930. This district led in sales.

Mr. Klawon added: "The larger number of sales is accounted for largely by the improved demand for farm properties and partly by (Continued on last page)"

ROXBORO SCHOOLS OPENED THURSDAY

Twelve Hundred And Seven-
ty Children Enrolled Up
To The Present

EVERY TEACHER IN
HIS, OR HER PLACE

Roxboro City Schools opened last Thursday morning with bright prospects for a splendid session. Prof. Davidson is much pleased with his corps of teachers and is expecting a most successful year. The following enrollment has been made:

White	
High school department	278
7th grade, at high school	51
Central graded school	429
East Roxboro	71
Total white	829
Colored	
Negro high school	134
Negro elementary	317
Total colored	451
Grand total	1,277

Hoboken—Did you yell for help when you were held up?
Shamokin—I started to but the bandits told me if I didn't shut up they'd call the police.

HURRICANE DEATH TOLL IN HONDURAN CAPITAL GROWING

Latest Estimate From Belize
Says 1,200 Persons Perish-
ed In Catastrophe

CREMATING BODIES AS
PUBLIC HEALTH STEP

Belize, British Honduras, Sept. 13.—Fire in the suburb of Mesopotamia, as an aftermath of the hurricane that struck Belize Thursday, was spreading rapidly today, while it was estimated that the death toll of the storm was more than 1,200.

After parties had worked all night to prevent the fire spreading, all efforts still were bent today on stopping its progress as it edged toward an inflammable liquor warehouse.

As more wreckage is moved in this city, devastated by the hurricane and tidal wave, more bodies of people and livestock have been uncovered. It still was impossible today to figure the exact number of deaths.

Burning Bodies.
At St. John's College, where the deaths were many, a large hole had been dug and the bodies were being burned as they were recovered.

The hurricane struck inland for about 50 miles and the dead have been floating down to Belize by the river which divides this town.

Additional relief supplies have arrived and food is being distributed in large quantities.

The crowds were more orderly today. Churches held services this morning and Bishop Joseph Murphy begged his people to refrain from disorders and to set about cleaning up the city. Above all, he urged them to obey the orders of the authorities. All churches were crowded with people offering thanks for their salvation.

With the death toll now estimated at at least 1,200, it means that one person in every 14 in the city's approximately 16,000 population, perished in Thursday's storm. The peril in which the city is placed by these storms, lying as it does on the brink of the sea, has led the government to consider the possibility of moving it inland to higher ground when construction work is begun.

Water Famine.
Hardly a house in the city kept its roof, and it is the roofs which furnish the greater part of the city's water supply. Generally speaking, Belize depends on a roof catchment system and as a consequence a prospect of a water famine was adding to the city's difficulties as it battled the fire today.

A spring of fresh water, discovered in a street yesterday, temporarily relieved the stricken city's thirst.

As an example of the force with which the blow struck, the captain of a motor vessel who saw it hit the Jesuit College, said that the buildings of the college were heaved high in the air above their concrete pillars and dropped to the ground to collapse like a pack of cards.

Manager Beattie, of the Royal Bank of Canada, who was out riding during the storm, had his horse blown under him and was forced to hang to trees to battle his way home to the city. He arrived 24 hours after the storm had passed.

Every house in Mesopotamia was destroyed by the first sweep of the hurricane. Following the blast of the wind, the tidal wave rushed upon the suburb, which lies only a foot above the high water level and carried away everyone who happened to be at home.

Relief work was proceeding with dispatch today as the doctors who have been brought here by airplane made good use of the newly-acquired medical supplies. Most of the city's stock of first-aid necessities was destroyed by the tidal wave.

Court Next Week

There will be a special term of Court next week for the purpose of trying civil causes only. Judge Shaw, of Greensboro, will preside. The Roxboro bar has prepared a calendar, and if this is adhered to will practically take up the entire week.

For some time the docket has been congested and it is hoped by having this special term that it may be almost cleared up.

Some watch screws made are only one thirty-fourth thousandth of an inch in length, the diameter of the head being one twenty-thousandth of an inch. Such a screw has 360 threads to an inch.



HON. A. J. MAXWELL,
candidate for Governor, who is running on a platform of Re-Adjustment of Taxes, asks the support of all people who want real tax relief.

American Woman "Smart" Because She Is Wise

"Why is the American woman the best dressed woman in the world?" a European visitor of masculine gender asked us the other day. The poor man had attempted, out of an abundance of misinformation on the subject of clothes and beauty, to solve this seeming riddle.

It was clearly in his mind that the women of his own country were beautiful—but, he admitted, they didn't wear their clothes half so well as the typical American woman.

Into the discussion broke one of the country's leading dress-makers, and, by chance, an important textile manufacturer. They both insisted that the matter under discussion was no riddle at all. Said the dress designer:

"American women make sane intelligent mothers, capable women-of-careers, great sportswomen. They have learned the chief lesson of fashion—dressing appropriately. That's what makes them smart."

Said the textile manufacturer: "You can depend upon it that American women have learned the lesson of values. It takes intelligence to be a good mother, a smart business woman, a distinguished sportswoman, and in the matter of selecting clothes the American woman likewise applies intelligence. If she buys silk, she asks for a pure dye type which is not going to rot. If she buys cotton, she demands these days durable cotton with its flattering luster, great durability, and beautiful colors. If she buys wool she selects either pure wool or a mixture made with added strength and beauty rather than lessened quality at stake. In these days the American woman achieves quality in her clothes which is after all the basic essence of chic. Bedraggled smartness is worse than coarse wit. The American woman is 'smart' because she is wise."

Parents and Teachers Will Meet Monday

The parents and teachers will hold their first meeting of the school year next Monday afternoon at 3:30 in the graded school building. We want to have our association the strongest that we have ever had, so won't you come and help do your part? Last year we had the largest membership we have had, but let's make it even larger this year. Come and get to know your child's teacher.

Mrs. W. G. Miller.

Will Serve Meals

The Davis Drug Co., of Roxboro, Inc., have added extra equipment and are in position to serve meals, breakfast, dinner and supper. The menu is very attractive and the prices will surprise you. You are cordially invited to visit them and try one of their meals.

Roxboro Garden Club

The regular meeting of the Roxboro Garden Club will be held in the club rooms, Monday afternoon, September 21st, at 3 o'clock. An illustrated lecture will be the main feature of the program. All members are urged to be present, and visitors are welcome.

Rev. Mr. Hurst Here Last Sunday

Rev. E. W. Hurst, Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church filled his regular appointment here last Sunday. While here he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. Lunsford.

Underwent Operation

Mr. J. D. Mangum, the popular manager of Leggett's Department Store here, underwent an operation at Watts hospital last Thursday. His condition is reported as being much improved.

Celebrates Birthday

Col. W. L. Lewis, one of the best known and most loved young men of this city, celebrated his 51st birthday Monday. The Colonel received many congratulations.

EDNA S. DRAPER RED CROSS NUTRITIONIST ARRIVED ON MONDAY

Will Assist Local Chapter
In Launching Its Nutrition
Program

COMMITTEE DISCUSSES
PLAN OF OPERATION

Miss Edna E. Draper arrived Monday to help the local Red Cross chapter launch its Nutrition Program. She came from Washington, D. C., where she attended the Annual Nutrition Conference held at Red Cross headquarters. Miss Draper is a native Virginian, a graduate of Teacher's College, Harrisonburg, Va., did graduate work at V. P. I., and has spent the past summer at Columbia University as a student in advance Nutrition under the direction of Dr. Mary Swartz Rose. For the past year she has been conducting the Nutrition Program in Shenandoah County chapter, Virginia.

A tentative plan of work was discussed Tuesday afternoon by the Nutrition Committee appointed by the local chapter chairman, Rev. A. J. McKelway. The committee consists of the following: Miss Ruth McCollum, Mrs. T. B. Woody, Mrs. Numa Edwards, Miss Margaret Carlton, Dr. A. F. Nichols, Dr. B. A. Tnaxton, Supt. G. C. Davidson. A schedule, when completed this week, will be published and regular articles on nutrition will appear each week.

Tuberculosis Clinic Closed Saturday

The tuberculosis clinic closed Saturday. This two weeks work marked one of the most helpful programs ever put on by the health department. Dr. C. D. Thomas, from State Sanatorium, who conducted the clinic for us stated that it was the next to the largest two weeks clinic he ever conducted in the State. With these splendid people to co-operate we will keep on doing the things that promote health.

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Commissioners Decline To Supplement State Allowance For Schools

They Learned
How To Live

"We just learned how to live in the last several years," says Mrs. J. F. Graham, the wife of a young farmer who in 1930 took the second of a series of prizes given for outstanding examples of live-at-home farming in Robeson County. She estimated that, aside from clothing and the operation of an automobile, not more than \$150 a year is spent on the maintenance of her household. "And we live much better than we did when we spent much more than that," she adds.

In recent years the Grahams, who have been farming about 15 years on a comparatively small place, have produced as fully as practicable the things consumed on the place. Making tobacco their chief crop, they sell annually \$200 to \$300 worth of surplus food and feed products. They come out ahead every year and are not at all discouraged by present conditions.

COMMUNITY CHORUS OF MALE VOICES

16 Singers Form Organiza-
tion With Purpose to Pro-
mote Community Music

OFFICERS ELECTED; TO
BE ANNOUNCED LATER

The songs of sixteen singers singing solemn soulful songs sounded sweetly on the air of Roxboro Monday night inaugurating the activities of a group so young that it has yet not even a name, but by whatever name it is called, is a community chorus of male voices. Between Saturday afternoon and Monday night word was passed among the men who like to engage in what they are pleased to call singing to meet on Monday night to effect an organization. The result was the gathering of sixteen men with just one aim in life, to sing.

A president, secretary-treasurer, director, manager, pianist, and librarian were elected. An initiation fee and dues were decided upon, and a time and place for regular meetings were chosen. After these and a few other minor details of business were attended to, the rest of the time was devoted to a short practice.

With the expectation that the original sixteen will be increased by further additions, and considering the enthusiastic interest manifested in this first gathering, there is every reason to believe that the organization effected will be able to make a distinct contribution in music to the community.

THIRD MARRIAGE FOR EVANGELIST

Mrs. McPherson And Her
Temple Singer Fly to Ari-
zona For Ceremony

Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 13.—Almee Semple McPherson, evangelist of the "Four-Square" gospel, and David Hutton, voice instructor at her Angelus Temple here, were married at dawn today in a drizzling rain at the Yuma, Ariz., airport.

They left Los Angeles at 3 a. m., in a chartered airplane. At Yuma, Mrs. McPherson's followers had made ready for the ceremony. After the brief service, the wedding party re-entered the plane and flew back to Los Angeles in time for Mrs. McPherson to deliver a sermon at the regular Angelus Temple Sunday morning meeting. She was her smiling, vigorous self, never once giving a hint to her large congregation that their famous leader had found a new love. It was the third marriage for Mrs. McPherson. Her first husband, father of young Mrs. Roberta Semple Smythe, is dead. The second, father of Rolf McPherson, has remarried. Hutton, a jovial 250-pound man, was never married before.

They Contend It Is State's Job
And The State Should Fur-
nish The Money

COUNTY TAX RATE
IS FIXED AT \$1.00

The Board of County Commissioners met in called session last Friday morning for the purpose of fixing the County tax rate. This matter had been held up for some time waiting on the school question, the State having failed to make definite appropriations and the County could not fix a rate until that question was settled.

The first thing to come before the Board was whether the State should run the six months term of public schools, or should the County make an extra appropriation to help out, what the County Superintendent said would be a deficit. It was contended by the school board that the schools could not be run on the amount appropriated by the State, but the Board decided the State had taken over the six months school term and it was up to the State to run the schools. After quite a lengthy discussion Mr. Bailey moved that the County decline to make any supplements to the schools. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cash, and after another lengthy discussion the Chairman, Mr. Crowell, put the question and it was unanimously adopted.

After this matter was settled it was an easy matter to finish the business, which was to levy the tax rate. The following levy was made:

General fund	15
County Home	04
Bond debt	31
Health	01½
Court house bonds	08
Court and jail operation	03½
State school fund	16
Capital outlay	03
Debt Service	18
Total	\$41.00

You will notice the State school fund is placed at 16 cents, and will probably want to know why, as the ad valorem as set by the last legislature was only 15 cents. That increase comes from the fact that there was a reduction in the valuation of property in the County, and the fifteen cent rate, as fixed by the legislature, was supposed to raise a fixed sum, hence the necessity for the one cent increase.

Day-Stewart

Mr. William E. Stewart and Miss Banna Day were married in Lynchburg last Monday morning. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Swartz accompanied them and witnessed the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Stewart left for a trip to Washington, D. C., and other northern cities.

They are both natives of Roxboro and number their friends by their acquaintance; they are exceedingly popular with the younger set and have the best wishes of all.

Favor Married Women

The Pilot Life Insurance Company, of Greensboro, N. C., has been issuing to single women policies up to \$500 without examination. Now they have decided for a few weeks to issue to married women insurance up to \$1,000 without examination. She can buy Ordinary Life, Twenty-Pay Life, or any kind from the Ordinary Life up.

This offer holds good for a few good weeks only. The Company is doing this to help their agents win a trip to Havana, Cuba, or qualify for the Pilot Club.

Now is the time for you to buy insurance from the strongest company south of Philadelphia.

KNIGHT'S INS. AGENCY.

Boys Enter Wake Forest College

The following young men left the first of the week for Wake Forest College: Pitts and Ben Davis, Spencer Woody, Bedford Stanfield, Lester Morrell, Algie Jackson, Elmer Walker, Morris Clayton, Stokes Brooks, Thomas Perkins and George Thomas. This is a fine bunch of young men and they will reflect honor upon the town.