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FARMERS HEAR WEEVIL DISCUS'ION

Board of Agriculture Endorses Home Demonstration Work

The first county wide meeting for the discussion of growing cotton under boll weevil conditions was held in Smithfield Tuesday when Mr. T. M. Garren, of the Division of Agronomy from the Extension Department and Mr. J. C. Taylor with the Royster Fertilizer Company working with the Extension department addressed a large audience of farmers in the Court house. At a previous meeting held before Christmas at Mr. W. M. Sanders' Frost place, Mr. Franklin Sherman and Mr. W. B. Mabey spoke to about fifty farmers, and the meeting no doubt did good, but on this occasion many more were reached, a large number of farmers and a few farm women being on hand to hear what these boll weevil specialists had to say.

Mr. A. M. Johnson, president of the County Board of Agriculture, presided over the meeting and introduced the speakers of the occasion. In introducing Mr. Garren, he characterized the meeting as a trial with a case against the boll weevil, the farmers being the jury. The speakers he represented as lawyers pleading to convict the weevil.

Mr. Garren in plain convincing terms presented the first step in combatting the boll weevil, and urged the farmers to consider the situation seriously enough that they may avoid the loss of a single cotton crop. He said that the world must have cotton and the farmers must raise some of the staple if not as large crops as formerly. He stated that it ought to be easier for North Carolinians to produce it because of the experience which all the states south of them have had. He pointed out that Texas was hard hit when the pest crossed the border line, and had to experiment with methods of control and extermination. Mr. Garren brought a message which was the result of several year's work in boll weevil states, and the keyword to the situation, according to his experience, is "earliness." Select well-drained fields for planting that will produce early crops; plow early either in the fall or early spring; plant an early variety of seed; and use methods of cultivation that will make the crop mature early. He advised planting close together and leaving it in close spaces. As to fertilizer, he had nothing new to recommend except to use a good grade, a 10-3-3 rather than 8-3-3, and to increase the amount of acid phosphate. He recommended nitrate of soda as the best for supplying nitrogen, and advised putting down all the fertilizer at planting time. He stressed rapid and frequent cultivation in order to mature the squares before the weevils had time to get in their work.

Following this address, Mr. J. O. Taylor told of the poisoning method. He began by saying that in discussing the boll weevil there was danger of two things: getting some of the people too badly scared and not getting some of them scared enough. He was emphatic, however, in his statement that Johnston County can go through the scourge of boll weevil without serious loss, if the farmers are willing to do the necessary things to ward off loss.

After the farmers have put into practice the very best methods of raising cotton as outlined by the first speaker, Mr. Taylor told them to poison with calcium arsenate as soon as the fields showed signs of infestation. The poisoning should be done every four days, but good results can be expected by spraying less often than that. He recommended spraying only when land would produce as much as one-half bale of cotton to the acre. If the land is too poor to make that much he advised planting something else. After explaining the method of putting the poison on, and when to put it on, Mr. Taylor offered to answer questions relative to the subject.

This part of the program being concluded, the chairman of the meeting, seeing Mrs. Estelle Smith, District Home Demonstration Agent in the audience, called her to the front, and Mrs. Smith made a ringing speech for Home Demonstration work. She showed how this home work with the farm women and girls

MR. W. M. SANDERS INTRODUCES BILL

Bill Requires Judges to Stay in County Full Term; Local Measure

The representatives from Johnston and the senators from this district in the legislature are proving alert to their job and have already taken a hand in getting bills introduced.

Mr. W. M. Sanders of this city has presented two bills to the House this week. These measures, which have been threatened for many years, have finally reached the legislature, showing that there has been some dissatisfaction with the congestion of the court dockets of the state. One of these bills is to require the attorney general to give entire time to his office. The other requires judges of the Superior court to stay at appointments. The bill requiring judges to devote full time to official duties follows:

"Section 1. That all judges of the Superior Court of North Carolina shall remain at the county-seat of the various counties to which they are assigned to hold court for the full term provided by the legislature notwithstanding the fact that the docket for such term may be sooner disposed of, for the purpose of hearing and disposing of such matters at Chambers as may come before them.

"Sec. 2. That after disposing of the docket and such matters as may come before such judge at Chambers, then such judge shall summons the lawyers practicing in such county to meet him in the courthouse and go over the dockets and make and enter such orders and issue such process as may be necessary to get the cases on the dockets, criminal and civil, in proper shape for trial.

"Sec. 3. That after dispatching the business of the county as above provided, then, with the consent of the bar of such county the judge may leave the county-seat before the expiration of such term of court, and the clerk of the respective courts shall enter upon the minutes of each term of court the date the judge leaves the county-seat."

Among the seventeen measures that were introduced in the Senate Wednesday were two that are of interest to Johnston county. One was the bill presented by Mr. H. B. Parker, of Goldsboro, senator from this district, which provides that automobile trucks must carry mirrors. Another was the bill by Mr. Paul D. Grady, of Kenly, also a senator from this district, to increase the commissioners of the town of Selma from four to five and to issue bonds.

Inebriate: "Is it as serious as that, doctor? I thought it was some simple thing that could be got rid of by an operation."—London Mail.

was resulting in more attractive homes, in better fed boys and girls and in increasing the family income. She mentioned the curb markets and poultry associations conducted through this department and told of one woman in her district who sold last year \$431 worth of products through the Home Demonstration work. Mrs. Smith was warmly applauded when she took her seat. After the announcement of several committees the meeting adjourned.

In the afternoon, the county board of agriculture, with thirteen out of the seventeen townships represented, met in the commissioners room and laid plan for the coming months. It was decided to have a Farmers Exchange Day once a month with the hope of ultimately having a regular curb market. The time and place for the first exchange day will be announced later.

The chairman of the board asked for an expression from the members as to continuing the Home Demonstration work in the county, and the Home work was endorsed by more than a two-thirds vote.

The Board decided to help the cooperative marketing association particularly in locating cotton farmer members who have not received the second advance on their cotton. In some instances the names and correct addresses are not recorded properly, and therefore their second advance has not been paid. If any farmer has not received second payment, if he will get in touch with Mr. A. M. Johnson, or Mr. N. B. Stevens, County Agent, they will help straighten the matter out.

RECORDER'S COURT HAS A BUSY DAY

Princeton School Case Was Thrown Out; Perry Bound Over to Superior Court

The crowd which gathered here Tuesday for Recorder's Court, boll weevil meeting and other business, looked like old time Superior Court days before prohibition went into effect. But the trials in the Recorder's Court attracting such a crowd Tuesday were the Perry case and the case against Miss Blanche Penny, principal of the school at Princeton.

The circumstances of the Perry case have been reported in these columns and our readers are more or less familiar with the facts. A. W. Perry, chief of police of Benson, was charged with the murder of Mr. Paul Stephenson in the town of Benson early on the morning of December 16th. A probable cause was found in the Recorder's Court and the defendant was bound over to Superior Court under a \$1000 bond.

The case against Miss Penny was brought about by the whipping of a child, small son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Holt who formerly lived in this city. The teacher according to report, had trouble in managing the child and carried him to Miss Penny, principal of the school. He was duly punished, and later Miss Penny and the child's teacher were charged with assault, and bound over to the Recorder's Court. At the conclusion of the state's evidence Judge Brooks, attorney for the defendants moved for their discharge, the evidence being insufficient to convict. The motion was sustained and the defendants adjudged not guilty.

Other cases disposed of by Judge Noble on Tuesday were as follows:

State vs. Delma Lane, Henry Howell and Tim Stevens, colored, charged with blockading. Lane and Howell were found guilty and each sentenced to six months on the roads. Tim Stevens was found not guilty and was discharged.

State vs. A. B. Hudson charged with using indecent and vulgar language in a public place. He was found guilty. Prayer for judgment continued for 12 months upon payment of costs.

State vs. Elton Hudson, charged with using indecent and vulgar language, found guilty and given the same sentence as A. B. Hudson.

State vs. R. H. Johnson charged with retailing without license. Guilty. Prayer for judgment continued 12 months upon payment of costs.

State vs. Zeb Norton and R. A. McLamb charged with assault. Defendant Norton pleads guilty. Fined \$25 and costs. As to McLamb case continued until Jan. 23.

State vs. Mrs. C. W. Furlong, colored, charged with carrying concealed weapon and assault with deadly weapon. Found not guilty as to assault but guilty as to carrying concealed weapon. Fined \$50 and costs. An appeal was taken to the March term of Superior Court.

ANTI-KU KLUX BILL IS GIVEN APPROVAL

RALEIGH, Jan. 16.—Representative Milliken, of Union, put through unanimously in the judiciary committee this afternoon his anti-Ku Klux bill, which requires the state secretaries of the several secret orders to keep a roster of their membership.

There was no fight made. Solicitors of other secret order members who have been fearful that the Milliken bill would work a hardship on them were not present today. There were no kickers either. Among the members of the committee were Parker, of Alamance; Parker of Halifax; Burgwyr, Fryant, Dillard, Townsend of Harnett; and Chairman Warren, the strong lawyers of the assembly.

Examination for Midwives

Monday, January 22, 1923, beginning at 2 p. m., an examination will be given to midwives who have attended five out of six of the lectures given by the Johnston County Board of Health. The examinations will be given by the County Health Officer. Those who qualify will be registered with the County Board of Health and a certificate will be granted free of charge. Dept. of Maternity and Infancy.

MISS WEDDELL IS NOW IN ALASKA

She Writes Interestingly to T. G. S. Boys at U. N. C. Of Alaskan Life

Friends and pupils of Miss Laura Weddell, who taught last year in the high school here, will be interested in the following letter which she has written from far away Alaska to the T. G. S. boys now at the State University. Miss Weddell is spending this year with her sister at Eagle, Alaska. The letter which was dated November 9, is as follows:

"This letter is for all of my Smithfield boys at Carolina.

"My dear boys:

"In spite of the fact that some of you are quite expert with the type-writer I am daring to use it for my letter to you as time here is so very crowded. The mail man is due to make three trips a month from Dawson, Yukon Territory to Eagle and sometimes he comes early to avoid worse weather. He has three means of travel: boat down the Yukon in summer; horses and sleigh in fall; and dog sled in winter. He comes tomorrow, though he was really due to start then, so we all are rushed to get our mail ready to go back with him. Getting mail only three times a month is rather hard.

"Sometimes I almost wish I were back in North Carolina with daily papers, movies, shows, automobiles, and people—just lots of people, like the crowds and crowds I saw in New York, but again I wouldn't miss all the experiences I'm having here for six times the little income I would otherwise have been getting. Every-one of you, I believe, would enjoy a year in this country—even the novelties of the climate would probably appeal to you. Since the last snowfall on August 28th, we have had several, of course, though it is now only about ten inches deep. Our first zero weather came a few nights ago. We saw the northern lights as early as August, but have seen much more beautiful display in the colder weather. Across the sky—the northern half—there appear great arches of light, with shimmering, creeping streamers stretching from a central point below the horizon to the farthest arch. These streamers have all the color of the rainbow. It is a marvelous sight and changes from second to second.

We are in the most desirable part of Alaska—the interior, with its dry, healthful climate, and the wilderness, with its abundant game and partial shelter from the severe winds of winter. The summers generally last about two months, but this year it was very short. The gardens were killed with the freeze in August. We camped for ten days eight miles from town and had a delightful time. Each morning we had to break ice in the brook for bath water—before you boys left home for Chapel Hill—and after hunting grouse or caribou (according to the energy we had), plain hiking, or just reading all day, we crawled into caribou skin sleeping bags, rolled over on the spruce boughs laid on the ground, and slept the sleep of the thoroughly tired, but happy. Ice has been running in the river for about two weeks so that probably the river will be frozen over by the 15th. The ice comes down in circular pieces generally, caused by constantly turning in the numerous eddies. It is clear in the center with high, white, uneven edges. The thin cakes knocking against each other remind me of the wind in the pines. The thin ice along the shore gradually attaches these cakes until the frozen masses from the two sides meet. The break-up comes about the middle of May and then everybody starts their gardens. I am called a "Chee-Chaw-Ko" (really spelled Cheechako), but when I have seen the river close in the fall and breakup in the spring I shall be a full-fledged "sourdough."

Caribou, moose, bear (brown and black-) mountain sheep and goats, rabbits, grouse, dock, ptarmigan and fish are generally abundant within a small radius from Eagle. I have been learning to shoot and have had fair success with small game—the only kind I have had a chance to get. The two herd of caribou that I have seen were not within shooting distance. I like to go out, and often hunt alone. On day, in less than an hour I had shot two grouse (Alas—Continued on page 5)

WOMEN'S COUNTY COUNCIL MEETS

Adopt Resolution Asking County Commissioners to Retain Work

The Women's County Council composed of representatives of the various Home Demonstration clubs in Johnston County held its first meeting since organization in the Woman's Club room here Tuesday at one o'clock. Twenty-five women and girls were present and the social committee of the local Woman's club served a delicious luncheon. Those present were Mrs. L. D. Grantham, Misses Taylor, Grantham, Baker and Penny, of Princeton; Mrs. W. G. and Miss Evelyn Wilson, of Wilson's Mills; Mrs. W. S. Earp and Miss Essie Sasser of Thanksgiving; Mrs. Harrison, of Baptist Center; Miss Debbie Bailey, of Kenly; Mrs. C. G. Wiggs, of Selma; Mrs. N. T. Johnson, of Selma, RFD; Mrs. J. E. Edwards and Mrs. J. W. Barnes, of Creech's School; Mrs. D. J. Wellons and Mrs. Mary James, of Smithfield, RFD; and Mrs. Thel Hooks, Mrs. J. W. Moore, Mrs. H. L. Skinner, Mrs. T. R. Hood and Mrs. T. J. Lassiter of this city. Mrs. Estelle Smith, of Goldsboro, District Home Demonstration Agent was the guest of honor.

After the luncheon, the business session was held around the table, the program being characterized by an experience meeting of what Home Demonstration work has meant in the various communities represented.

Mrs. N. T. Johnson of Selma RFD told of how she had canned 300 cans of fruits and vegetables, fifty-two cans of fresh meat and how she had made a dress form, rugs and other things, all under the guidance of the Home Demonstration Agent.

Mrs. D. J. Wellons, Smithfield, RFD voiced the need of Home Demonstration work when she told of how the girls especially crave for attractive things to wear and pretty home surroundings and she indicated how the county home agent can help to make conditions better. She told of how many of our women have had to work out in the field and have not had time to teach their daughters how to keep house beyond what was absolutely necessary. Conditions along that line are improving and the girls are wanting to learn things. Mrs. Wellons also gave her experience in preserving eggs in water glass, having put up 30 dozen after the price got as low as 20 cents per dozen and later selling them at 40 cents per dozen.

Mrs. J. E. Edwards, of Creech's School section told how she had built up a trade on jelly on one of the local markets of the county; Mrs. Mary James told how she canned 95 cans of beef under the supervision of the county agent; and Mrs. W. S. Earp, of Thanksgiving, narrated the story of how her two step sons were taking a college course at Wake Forest and boarding themselves. During the summer the county agent assisted in canning fruits and vegetables, in making jellies and preserves and in canning chicken and other meats to make it easy for "baching" during school time. Eggs were also preserved in water glass. After the experience meeting, a resolution was drawn up and adopted to ask the County Commissioners to reconsider their action in regard to the Home Demonstration work in the county and retain Miss Garrison as county agent.

The time for the next meeting was set for the third Saturday, which time will probably be the regular time if the work is continued in the county. Just before the meeting was over, those present gave a rising vote of thanks to the committee which served the luncheon, and Mrs. Smith gave a beautiful toast to Old friends and new.

HON. ED PARKER TO SPEAK HERE JANUARY 19

The Sanders-Holt Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, will sponsor a Lee-Jackson program on the evening of January 19, at eight o'clock at the court house. Hon. Ed Parker of Graham, a member of the legislature, is the speaker for the occasion. The public is cordially invited to attend this celebration of two of the south's civil war heroes.

Renew and get a Turner's Almanac.

DR. PEACOCK NOW DECLARED SANE

Fugitive From State Prison Writes to His Wife At Thomasville

Thomasville, Jan. 15.—A letter from Dr. J. W. Peacock, from Lakeland, Fla., telling of his having been set free by a judge in Florida and by alienist who pronounced him sane, was received here today, by his wife, Mrs. J. W. Peacock, it is said. An order for his office and medical fixtures to be sent to him came in the same letter with the information that he was intending to begin the practice of medicine at some point in Florida.

Dr. Peacock is spending today and probably tomorrow at St. Petersburg, Fla., according to information, with a view to deciding on a location for the practice of his profession.

The question is already being agitated here as to the proper course to pursue in regard to bringing the doctor back to North Carolina, from whose criminal insane department he escaped sometime last summer. Solicitor Bower, it is learned, states that he can be brought back. Solicitor Bower was prosecutor in the case for the State during his trial for murder in Davidson county last summer a year ago.

Dr. Peacock escaped from the criminal insane department on September 30, 1922 by making a rope out of sheets from his cot and lowering himself through a window of his cell after he had sawed the bars.

Behind him a left a note directing the disposal of his personal effects and notifying Warden Busbee that he would probably see him Thanksgiving.

Since that time, the mystery of the man's escape has remained unsolved. Several clues were developed but in each case the prison authorities ran against a baffling wall. The letter which purported to come from Dr. Peacock yesterday set the prison officials into feverish activity again. Telegrams were despatched to several counties in Florida but no answer had been received last night by Warden Busbee.

Authorities here are not inclined to credit the alleged letter as authentic, but nevertheless they are neglecting no step that may lead to the arrest of the fugitive in the event that he has really turned up in Florida.

Woman's Club Has Call Meeting

The Woman's Club held a call meeting Wednesday afternoon in the club room several items of business being transacted. First and foremost was the consideration of the Welfare work in this county. It having been noised abroad that a movement is on foot to abolish the Welfare work in Johnston, the club went on record as favoring keeping the work, by adopting suitable resolutions.

The matter of giving further aid to the hospital here was also considered, and it was finally decided that this club furnish a room in the hospital and keep it supplied with towels, bed linen etc., the room to be known as the Woman's Club room.

A committee from the Civics Class in T. G. S., composed of Hugh Ragsdale, Hilda Peedin and Marie Anderson Stevens came before the club and asked the ladies to help them place playground apparatus on the school grounds, the equipment previously placed being now worn out. The club promised to take the matter under consideration and see what can be done. The young folks presented their cause well showing that they are interested in the school and want to see it improved. Their speeches and manner of delivery indicated that these young folks are taking a lively interest in civic affairs and give promise of being the kind of citizens to make a town move forward.

Through the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Mrs. W. N. Holt, the Kiwanis Club made the ladies a proposition as to serving the banquets for their regular meeting which was accepted. This matter being disposed of the meeting adjourned.

Doctor to red-nosed patient: "Drink—that is what is the matter with you. You must give it up at once!"