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H. D. CLUB LEADERS MEET SPECIALIST

Nine Clubs Represented In Conference Here With Miss Mary E. Thomas, Nutrition Specialist of State College

Saturday morning, representatives from nine of the eleven Women's home demonstration clubs in Johnston county, met here with Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, county home agent and Miss Mary E. Thomas, nutrition specialist of State College Extension department, in the first of a series of meetings with leaders who will go back into their communities and help put on the nutrition program which the clubs selected as their major project for the year. The only clubs not represented were Corbett-Hatcher and Poplar Springs.

Foods and Nutrition, as the study for the year, is most appropriate when a live-at-home program is being promoted in the state.

The leaders present Saturday were as follows:

Carter-Massey: Mrs. O. L. Boyette, Mrs. W. H. Creech, Mrs. M. D. Williams, and Miss Alberta Boyette.

Meadow: Mrs. J. H. Marshall and Mrs. A. G. Parker. Pisgah: Mrs. Ira C. Whitley, Mrs. A. J. Whitley, Jr., and Mrs. C. D. Phillips.

Pleasant Grove: Mrs. Clarence and Mrs. G. Willie Lee. Cleveland: Mrs. T. W. Ives. Selma: Mrs. J. T. Hughes.

Progress: Mrs. J. R. Howell, Mrs. Dock Woodard, and Mrs. A. H. Woodard.

Bentonville: Mrs. Norman Langston and Mrs. Allie Barfield. Pomona-Creech: Mrs. Jas. C. Creech, Mrs. Will H. Creech, Mrs. Jas. L. Peedin and Mrs. Harold Peedin.

THEFTS ENTER LOCAL FREIGHT DEPOT SAT.

Thieves entered the A. C. L. freight depot here Saturday night and took two cases of cigarettes valued at \$64 per case. Mr. E. O. Matthews, an employee of the A. C. L., discovered the theft when he went to the station Sunday morning. An entrance was effected through the office door.

AN EGG WITHIN AN EGG

Mr. D. T. Creech, of near Pine Level, was in town Friday. Mr. Creech reported an unusual hen egg belonging to Mr. Cyrus M. Johnson of near Goldsboro. The egg measured nine and a half inches around the long way and seven and a half around the other way. When the egg was broken a well developed egg of the usual size was found within the large one.

SELMA KIWANISANS BEGIN ATTENDANCE RECORD

SELMA, Feb. 10.—For the second time within a month the entire membership of the Kiwanis club was present at the weekly luncheon held last Thursday evening. This was a good start for the month of February as the club is making a special effort to lead the Carolina district in attendance for the month.

Andrew Holliday delighted the club with two beautiful solos after which Star Harper briefly outlined some of the things the Kiwanis club could aid in such as settling the paving question here, opening a rest room for the visiting ladies, drawing business to Selma from a wider territory and changing or partly changing the system of county government.

It was announced that on next Thursday evening the Kiwanis club would help further Governor Gardner's "Live-at-Home" campaign by having a menu which will consist of nothing but what is raised in North Carolina.

Reports from the committee chairman were made for the month of January.

Next Friday the district meeting will be held at Fayetteville and a big percentage of the club will be present.

Some time during this month it is hoped to have Dr. Coker, large cotton grower of South Carolina, and Governor Gardner here to make a talk to the farmers of three counties.

Dr. Booker, newcomer to Selma, was present at the luncheon.

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When Hunger Conquers Fear



Severe cold coupled with heavy snow sends the deer to the farms in quest of food from the haystacks. This doe, which Almira and Rose Rogers of Speculator, N. Y., are feeding while Rover looks on suspiciously, has overcome its fear of people and dogs, driven by the stronger urge of hunger.

J. THOMPSON KIRBY LIVE AT HOME TO BE ON PROGRAM ESSAY PRIZES ANNOUNCED

Live-At-Home Farmer To Speak At Mass Meeting in Kenly Friday Night; Other Speakers On Program Arranged by School

KENLY, Feb. 10.—Extensive plans for the observance of live-at-home week have been made in the Kenly school. The study of conditions and remedies for the situation will culminate in a mass meeting Friday evening in the school auditorium at which time various speakers will discuss the live-at-home problem. Mr. J. Thompson Kirby, a successful farmer of Beulah township, who practices "living at home", will be one of the speakers. Also Mr. J. B. Slack, county farm agent, Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, county home demonstration agent, and Miss Mary E. Wells, supervisor of schools, will be present and make talks. Mr. G. T. Whitley, superintendent of the Kenly school, desires that every home in the school district be represented in the audience Friday evening.

A short program will be given by pupils of the school in connection with the speech-making. The program of the evening begins at seven o'clock.

PREPARE FOR WEEVIL EARLY

Cotton growers are beginning to realize that control of the boll weevil is a regular part of the routine in growing cotton and that to continue growing the crop at a profit, provision must be made for this work.

"We are receiving hundreds of requests from all parts of the cotton growing sections asking for definite information about the boll weevil," says C. H. Brannon, extension entomologist at State College. "Manufacturers of dusting machinery and calcium arsenate tell us that they are receiving orders and indications are that a number of dusting outfits will be sold throughout the state this season. Those who buy these expensive implements must keep in mind one important fact. Dusting must be done exactly right or no results will be obtained."

Mr. Brannon says that in most farm operations there is no exact way of doing things. One must use his own judgment within certain limits about how he shall plow, cultivate, apply fertilizers or harvest; but, when it comes to poisoning the boll weevil by dusting, there is only one way and growers should not slip into hasty control without being adequately equipped and fully informed. Much money has been wasted in the past because poisoning has not been done right. Yet the methods have been standardized since 1917 and are both practical and efficient.

There are a number of North Carolina cotton growers who have poisoned successfully and have produced good crops of cotton despite ravages by the weevil. Mr. Brannon offers to send detailed information about how this is done to any grower who will write him for the information.

FARM TAX BURDEN MUCH TOO HEAVY

Dr. G. W. Forster, Agricultural Economist, Says Farmers Are Carrying Chief Burden of Taxes Today

Farmers are carrying the chief burden of taxes today because taxing systems are based mainly on an antiquated property tax. The only hope the farmer has for permanent tax relief is through a complete and thorough revision of the present tax system in North Carolina and the establishment of an effective tax administration.

This is the opinion of Dr. G. W. Forster, agricultural economist at State College, who made a thorough study of farm taxes for the State Tax Commission in 1928. As a result of these studies, Dr. Forster believes the farmer is unfairly taxed. He advocates a system including a personal income tax designed to reach all personal income derived from whatever source, emphasizing especially the need for reaching intangible personal property, which now in a large measure escapes taxation.

The property tax should be modified so as to relieve property owners and also to eliminate double and triple taxation which is so common now and which is the cause of so much dissatisfaction. Dr. Forster also advocates a business tax or tax on the net income from business enterprises, which is entirely separate and apart from the personal income tax. Such a diversified system of taxation efficiently and justly administered would give farmers real and permanent relief, he says.

Dr. Forster recently declared that the administration of our tax laws is inadequate and needs to be revised. The chief defects are irresponsibility of tax officials, inefficient and dishonest personnel, and unscientific methods used in the assessment of property and in the levying and collecting of revenues. The remedy to this, he said, is the creation of a fiscal commission with broad powers to study tax problems and effect the necessary reforms.

HUNTING SEASON IN NORTH STATE TO CLOSE SOON

Less than two weeks remain to the sportsmen of North Carolina to hunt game birds and animals during the current season.

On February 15 the hunting seasons that are yet open will close and nimrods will begin to pack their guns until next fall. Major seasons that will come to an end on February 15 include those for quail, wild turkey, and rabbits.

The taking of fur-bearing animals for the current season will also end on the 15th in all parts of the state simultaneously. The species of furbearers which will be protected during the closed season after the middle of this month include the mink, otter, skunk, muskrat, raccoon, and opossum.

A number of hunting seasons have ended until next fall. Dove season closed on January 31, while deer and bear have been protected since the middle of January.

State Game Warden C. H. England said that the current hunting season has been the most satisfactory in years. He said that game has been more plentiful than at any time during the past decade and that public sentiment for the enforcement of the game regulations has grown steadily.—Raleigh Times.

PRESIDENT HOOVER'S TRAIN PASSES THROUGH CITY

The Havana Special which carried President Hoover's car with the president and a party of friends on board to Long Key, Fla., Sunday passed through Smithfield morning about 8 o'clock. Mr. Hoover is said not to have left his car during the day, but Mrs. Hoover got off at Florence, S. C., and walked up and down the station platform as a new engine was attached to the train. Mr. Hoover has gone to Long Key for a week's fishing.

TO ADDRESS KIWANISANS

Hon. Dennis G. Brummitt, Attorney-General of North Carolina, will address the local Kiwanis club at its next meeting, Thursday, February 20, at 12:45 o'clock. Every Kiwanian is urged to be present.

February Twelfth

By Albert T. Reid

Could Abraham Lincoln speak to his countrymen today he probably would ask them not to make a Deity of him but to look upon him as a human being who had the most heartbreaking task our country ever gave to any man and who tried his best to bring peace to reunite his country and to heal the wounds



R. R. CREECH DIES AT ZEBULON HOME

Prominent Farmer and Business Man Called by Death; Father of Mrs. Thos. Jordan of This City

ZEBULON, Feb. 10.—R. R. Creech, 64, died at his home here Saturday night at 9:30 o'clock after a week's illness following a year of failing health.

Mr. Creech came here from Johnston county twenty years ago when Zebulon was an infant city. He was known throughout this section of the state as a prominent farmer and a business man. He helped many a young business man through trying times by his kind and always wise advice.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at his home at Antioch church in Johnston county. Interment will be in the church cemetery. Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Johnson, pastor; Rev. Arthur Creech, former pastor, and Rev. R. H. Herring, of Zebulon.

Mr. Creech is survived by his wife, four sons and six daughters; Rev. Oscar Creech, of Ashok; Arnold, of Knightdale; and James and Charles, of Zebulon; Mrs. R. E. Barham and Mrs. Julius Williamson, of Wendell; Mrs. Thomas Jordan, of Smithfield; Mrs. T. A. Richardson, of Charlotte; Mrs. Isaac Strickland and Miss Ruby Creech, of Zebulon, also 30 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

LADIES NIGHT AT KIWANIS CLUB

Thursday evening was observed by the Smithfield Kiwanians as Ladies' Night. Serious matters were forgotten for the time, and a great amount of fun was crowded into the hour. In addition to a number of stunts engaged in by certain members of the club, the audience was delighted with a solo by Miss Ida Privette of Spring Hope, and a trio by Miss Privette and Messrs. James Davis and Theron Johnson, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Lucy Coltrane.

A quartette by the popular musicians of the Raleigh club was outstanding. Robert Richardson, Paige Williams, John Harney, and Walter Upchurch were introduced by George Y. Ragsdale as the best talent in Raleigh, and their program ran true to the prediction.

Banks Arendall, president of the Raleigh club, made the chief speech of the evening, which was very pleasing to both the ladies and the gentlemen. Mr. A. Wray White, of the Raleigh club, was a member of the party.

Elmer Wellons shared with George Ragsdale as toastmaster, and Norman C. Shepard, president of the local club, presided. An excellent turkey dinner was served by a committee from the Woman's club under the direction of Mrs. F. H. Brooks.

TO LIST TAXES APRIL 1 INSTEAD OF MAY 1

The 1929 Machinery Act which goes into effect March 1 this year, provides that all property shall be listed for taxation as of 1 day of April instead of as of 1 day of May as heretofore.

In accordance with this act, A. J. Maxwell, chairman North Carolina State Board of Assessment, has called the attention of the county board of commissioners to the fact that on the first Monday in March a county supervisor of taxation shall be named, unless some county officer is delegated as supervisor. The supervisor, then, with the approval of the county commissioners shall appoint list-takers for each township.

YOUNG PREACHER TO BEGIN REVIVAL

PINE LEVEL, Feb. 10.—The Freewill Baptist church of Pine Level, will begin a revival meeting Sunday night, February 16. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Carter, age 19, formerly of Selma but now of Fayetteville, will be assisted by Rev. J. A. Wallace, pastor of the First Freewill Baptist church of Fayetteville, for two weeks or more.

Rev. J. A. Wallace is one of the leading Freewill Baptist ministers and has been preaching for about twenty-four years. He has traveled greatly in the evangelistic fields, and he always has an interesting message for his hearers. It will be a special treat to hear him.

Rev. W. H. Carter has not been pastor of this church long but has been in the evangelistic fields for about eight years and during this time has traveled extensively in this state and others. He is also a former student of the Holmes Bible and Missionary Institute of Greenville, S. C.

Services will be held daily at 7:15 and the day services will be announced later. Every one is welcome to these services.

HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Mr. David Crocker of Selma, was taken to the Johnston County Hospital Sunday night following an automobile accident which occurred on Third street, when two cars had a head-on collision. Mr. Crocker suffered a fracture of the nasal bone, had lacerations on the right hand which severed the tendons of the four and fifth fingers, and sustained abrasions below the knees. He was able, however, to leave the hospital yesterday. Mr. Lee was driving the car which collided with Mr. Crocker.

Everybody makes mistakes. That's why they put mats under the cuspidors.

Thought for today: It won't do any good to spank a girl after she is 16, but it must be lots of fun.

DR. ATKINSON TELLS OF VISIT TO EGYPT

Believes Johnston County Farmers Must Diversify in Order To Compete With Foreign Cotton Farmers

"These millions with this rich valley land on the Nile river the center of Egypt could supply the world's need of cotton should they put forth proper energy on their farms," writes Dr. Wade H. Atkinson, native Johnstonian, of Washington, D. C., who is now spending some time abroad. Dr. Atkinson's letter will be of interest to many in Johnston county. He writes as follows:

"Occasionally a Herald reaches me, the last more than a month old. I read every word in it, except the advertised land sales. There is something wrong, or so many farms would not be advertised.

"Could I have taken my Johnston friends up the Nile river 500 miles through the rich delta and shown them the natives, their mode of living in mud huts or straw shack, shabby coverings as clothes, their wooden plows, their work animals—an ox, donkey, or camel, then explain what they live on, all of which they raise, the farmers could understand why they cannot make even a good living when they must compete with such people in raising cotton.

"They live from what we would call the garden. Large radish and bread made from their own produced grain constitutes a meal with a joint or two of sugar cane. I have also seen them eating a clover which is much like alfalfa, with a thicker stalk. All the animals live on this same clover, it being their only food. These people have nothing in their mud hut homes. They sleep on a straw mat, or sit on the same or the ground. Often they sleep in the fields where their animals are hobbled and staked out to graze.

"Time, education and labor mean nothing to them. Ninety-five per cent cannot read or write; 99 per cent of the women are illiterate. They are as con-servant to the men as the beasts of the field. These millions with this rich valley land on the Nile through the center of Egypt could supply the world's need of cotton should they put forth proper energy on their farms. Now how can our people compete with such? Only by diversified farming, by raising grain, chickens, stock, and a couple of gardens—a grain garden for the stock and a vegetable garden for themselves. This kind of farming will soon improve their land so that a few acres of cotton and tobacco would pay well.

"Leaving Egypt, we toured Palestine, visiting the holy places of interest in the life of Christ from his birthplace, the places of his teachings and miracles, to the Mount of Olives, seeing the traditional stone of ascension. Our travel through the Holy Land was most interesting and instructive. We were advised not to take this trip on account of the Arab uprising against the Jews but we were too near Jerusalem, the Holy City, not to visit it. While the feeling still is bitter against the Hebrew by the Arab, we saw the Walling Wall and all Jerusalem without being molested. British soldiers were stationed on every block with guns and bayonets.

"We are taking a coastwise steamer from Alexandria, Egypt, along the northern shores of Africa to Tunis, where we hope to receive another Herald to give us some news from home. "WADE H. ATKINSON. "Cairo, Egypt, Jan. 12, 1930."

COUNTY BOARD OF WELFARE HOLDS MEET

On February 7 the board met at the home of its chairman, Miss Mattie Pou, for a discussion of economic conditions. Relief plans were considered and the consensus of opinion was that the emergency relief from the county welfare department now being administered with the help from organizations in the larger communities will adequately meet the demand unless conditions grow much worse. It is to be hoped that the hardest of the winter is over, and the backbone of winter broken.

With the opening of spring activities the unemployed will find work and normalcy be restored. When the people learn to save part of their earnings for a rainy day and to raise food at home, they will have learned to live through financial depressions.

COL. BULLOCK TO MAKE TALK HERE

Colonel Bullock, one of the national directors of the Izaak Walton League will speak in the courthouse in Smithfield Wednesday, February 12 at 8 p. m. Subject: Woods, Waters and Wild Life. Col. Bullock is an exceptionally good talker and entertainer and there is no question but that all will enjoy hearing him. Everybody is invited. Sportsmen are specially requested to be there.

POULTRY CAR AT SELMA SATURDAY

By J. B. Slack

There will be a poultry car loaded in Selma Saturday, February 15. Prices are as follows: Colored hens and chicks, 22c per pound; Leghorn hens, 18c per pound; Leghorn chicks, 15c per pound; stags, 15c per pound; cocks, 10c per pound; capons, seven pound and up, 25c per pound; slips and under seven pounds, 20c per pound; ducks and geese, 12c per pound; young turkeys, 25c per pound; old toms, 18c per pound; guineas, 35c each.