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WHAT GOOD IS THE PROGRESS TO TYRRELL COUNTY? H. L. SWAIN TELLS

By H. L. Swain. A short time ago I promised to write a few articles for the Tyrrell County paper on some of the needs of Tyrrell County. I think I could do no better than to write first about her baby enterprise, and I am writing this article without the knowledge, approval or consent of anybody with the paper. For many years Tyrrell County had no paper and no medium of communication except by mail, a terribly incompetent telephone system, or by person, all of which had their handicaps. Naturally, the mail did not carry the general news, the telephone system, even if it were a good system, was not purposeful for carrying the news of the day, and gossip by person to person had its shortcomings, as all can see by joining a crowd of people and hearing them talk. What is the benefit of a paper? First, it is a medium of information from the outside world; second, an informant about what is going on at home; and third, it brings people closer together. No one medium in all the world is as great an educator as the newspaper, with the magazine running a close second. There is more general information carried in the papers of the world than in any other medium. In just a few hours people across the ocean know what we are doing, and we know what they are doing. The newspaper spends millions of dollars for maintaining cable lines and telegraph and telephone lines, so they may get the information and transmit it to the public. I have seen articles in the "Tyrrell County Progress" which were only a few hours old when I received my paper in Raleigh. The newspaper staff is always on the lookout for information to carry to the public. I receive my papers and read in comfort the news that's brought me. I see what the people in Tyrrell County are doing, most of whom I know and all of whom I have a very fond regard for. After enjoying the paper, not only the "Tyrrell County Progress" but others, I cast it aside and very seldom stop to think just what many, many people have put into the paper to make it a news-bearing medium. Have you ever stopped to think just what is back of your paper, how much effort, how much machinery, how much human life, and then have you stopped to think how little all this costs you? If you have never really considered the matter, suppose you make an investigation of your own county paper. Visit the printing plant, watch the men in their sweat shirts, black and dirty, toiling to put the thoughts of other people through the linotype, and from there back to the office, in the mailing room, and I believe you will appreciate your paper more. I believe Tyrrell County appreciates its paper, but I do not believe it appreciates it as much as it should. I know that I, a former son of Tyrrell County, enjoy getting my paper and finding out what the best people in the world are doing and how they are getting along. I wonder if you back home want to make it better? The paper is doing a great thing for Tyrrell County; it is advertising Tyrrell County, it is building up the interest of Tyrrell County. People beyond the border of Tyrrell are learning about her, and people in Tyrrell are learning more about the outside world. Her paper, I am proud to say, shows thought and progress on the part of the people of Tyrrell County. But, let's turn this around, now, and ask what are the people of Tyrrell County doing for her paper. Are you doing anything to help your paper? Do you furnish the editor with news, with social items? If you are not, do this, even if you are the one concerned and about whom the social item would be. Don't be too timid or think it is presumptuous to tell somebody what you are going to do. Remember that thousands and thousands of people would be interested in knowing what you and your friends and all the people of Tyrrell County are doing. Maybe the most insignificant thing to you would be of great benefit to me and I would enjoy knowing of your party. Make your social column worth while. Do not curtail the social items, but make them more.

If not, there is a duty for you to perform, and I urge you to take the paper yourself, it denotes pride in your home undertakings, and to ask your friends and neighbors to subscribe denotes community pride and patriotism to your own county. Are you advertising in your paper as you should? Do you let the public know what you have or what you want? Thousands and thousands of dollars are made by advertising in the paper, and millions lost by failing to advertise. Then, too, you would be helping your paper by running an "ad." Did you know that no paper in the United States could run a month on its own circulation without the aid of paid advertisements? That's true. The "News and Observer" boasts of being the biggest paper in the State, but it could not run on its paid subscriptions and has to depend largely on its advertisements. If you are loyal to your paper, if you want to see a real up-to-date progressive paper, not only subscribe, but run an "ad" for something or about something that you are interested in. It will help you, it will help your paper, and your paper will help the best county in the world. Be a booster of your county through the "Tyrrell County Progress." My next article will be "Tyrrell County Needs a Potato Market."

GENUINE WHISKY

To Be Manufactured Again With Government's Consent

WASHINGTON, July 22. — The prohibition unit will soon begin granting applications of distillers for permits to manufacture medicinal whiskey and that about 2,000,000 gallons would be distilled in 1930. The manufacturing will be done under Government supervision in 5 or 6 distilleries. Commissioner Doran, in making the announcement explained that the law required him to provide for replenishing the depleted stocks of whiskey for medicinal purposes. At the present time there are 9,549,071 gallons of whiskey on hand, according to reports compiled July 1. He estimated that with 1,500,000 gallons withdrawn each year this was enough to last five years. As the bureau requires that whisky be aged four years, he said these will be only one year's supply on hand when the new whiskey can be sold. The commissioner said that extensive examinations of the 300,000 barrels of whisky now in bonded warehouses convinced him that not more than 1,000 barrels were of questionable quality. This statement was in reply to recent reports that large amounts of the bonded liquor had been replaced with inferior spirits. Of the new whisky 70 per cent will be Bourbon and 30 per cent will be rye.

Those who attended the fight at Washington, Ad Warren vs. Seaton, were as follows: William Sexton, John P. Alexander, Dolph Snell, W. W. Bateman, Lawson Jones, Jesse Cooper, Irvin Swain, Sam Duval, A. N. Bateman.

Tyrrell High In Rank In School Expenditures

Tyrrell is shown to be 23rd among the 100 counties of the State in the per capita current expense of its schools, i. e., the amount expended in educating a pupil, in a compilation made on the basis of 1927-28 figures by the State Department of Public Instruction. At the same time it was 68th among the counties in rank on a basis of promotions and attendance. In the period covered by the survey, it cost \$20.66 to instruct each of the pupils enrolled for one year. The number of white pupils enrolled in 1927-28 was 966. The number promoted was 622. The average attendance was 78.7 per cent for the average term of 129 days. OSSINING, N. Y.—The executioner's job at Sing Sing is becoming less lucrative. Robert Elliott is paid \$150 for each person electrocuted. During the last fiscal year his income was \$1,500 in contrast to \$1,800 and \$2,700 of the previous two years.

IN TYRRELL

Where "Rarely Genial Climate" And Rich Soil Joins In "Blessing Section"

Physical features and attributes of Tyrrell in harmony with the felicity of county's situation. Its soil is fruitful and its climate varied in the range of its capabilities. Here in it is the richest treasure of a lifetime. Many others of the sciences such as Botany and Meteorology contributed their share towards the foundation of the science of agriculture. Both to Chemistry and the study of nature of soil must be given the chief credit for raising agriculture from veritable gress work to the position of exact knowledge definitely effects in our plants, will follow certain clauses in our soil.

The year 1928, the harvest was abundant, especially Irish potatoes, but prices were low, farmers lost heavily. This year is practically a failure because of two reasons. First the climatical conditions were extremely dry in its plant growing season and too wet in the maturity of the fruit also preventing the farmers from harvesting in due time. Second, the inferior fertilizer which did not contain enough plant food element, both n growth of plant and fruitage. I know no county better situated for raising Irish potatoes than Tyrrell County. It has a fertile loamy soil, and an ideal climate which is suitable for growing early crops and yielding abundantly. The people of Tyrrell as a whole have been very successful for a number of years. Many of the thrifty farmers in this section have been prosperous.

A MONEY CROP

Tomatoes Bring Cash To Washington Co. Farmers

PLYMOUTH, July 17.—Tomatoes are destined to become an important money crop in Washington county if the current season's yield is profitable. This is the opinion of a number of prominent farmers who are now harvesting the vegetables from more than 175 acres. Despite heavy rains and general inclement weather the yield is pretty good. And trucks are bringing the tomatoes to market here from far and near points in the county. The market is being maintained here by the local unit of the Washington Packing Co. Officials of the local unit are C. C. Crockett, resident manager and Capt. Jacob Sargent, superintendent. A large number of employees will be on the plant's payroll after it gets to running at full capacity. Plant officials are now asking the planters to bring ripe tomatoes as the mature green tomatoes have all been shipped to the Northern markets. Ripe tomatoes will be canned. Before the tomatoes were planted the packing concern signed contracts with the growers to pay 30 cents for each five-eighths of a bushel basket filled with the vegetables. This is the only crop in Washington county's list that the grower knows what to expect for his yield when it is harvested. Not so with cotton, corn, tobacco, Irish potatoes and others. Prices on the green wrapped tomatoes have been good. Several thousand dollars have been spent in equipping the local canning plant. It has a cooker with a capacity of 3500 baskets a day. Many thousands of cartons containing cans line the floor. When the plant reaches its capacity in production it can can 3000 baskets a day. If this is not enough they have other cookers that can take care of all the tomatoes that are produced in the county. In a few days the season will be in full swing. Then there will be a rush lasting for about six weeks or more. During this time tomatoes will pour into the plant as everywhere planted about the same time and they will ripen on every one's farm about the same time. Efforts are being made now to be in a position to care for all those that come as soon as they enter the door. WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Hoover has issued a proclamation raising the embargo on the shipment of arms and munitions to Mexico.

They're Master Homemakers

Advertisement for a women's magazine featuring five portraits of award-winning homemakers: Mrs. W. C. Pou, Mrs. H. M. Middleton, Mrs. Ida E. Brickhouse, Mrs. Lydia Ashworth, and Mrs. W. C. Alexander.

MRS. IDA BRICKHOUSE, MACKEYS, WINS NATIONAL HONORS AS WIFE

Woman Well Known In Tyrrell Is Designated As Master Homemaker. National honor will come to Mrs. Ida E. Brickhouse, of Mackeys, and four other rural women of North Carolina at special Farm and Home Week exercises to be held on the State College campus in Raleigh Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock when they will be recognized as Master Farm Homemakers. The other four women are: Mrs. W. C. Pou, Elmwood; Mrs. J. S. Turner, Reidsville; Mrs. Lydia Ashworth, Fairview, and Mrs. H. M. Middleton, Warsaw. They will receive the gold pin and the title of the Master Farm Homemaker in a recognition sponsored by a national farm women's magazine, with the co-operation of the home demonstration department of the State College extension service. Approximately 100 outstanding rural women of the nation will receive the honor this year. This new national movement, introduced to North Carolina last summer, seeks to honor all farm women and to recognize their contribution to their homes, their communities and the nation. Mrs. Brickhouse, who is well known in Washington and Tyrrell counties, was the oldest of 12 children and was a "second mother" to them. Partly due to her encouragement, all 12 went to college. Following her husband's death, she went back to her old home and became head of the household. "Whenever any big county-wide project is to be put over, they call on Mrs. Brickhouse," says one of her neighbors. Mrs. Pou and her husband bought a sassafras thicket, 19 years ago, and have made it into a productive profitable farm. They have built an attractive home and beautified the farmstead, largely with income from a dairy business which Mrs. Pou helps manage. She is active in church, Sunday school and community affairs, and has been vice pres-

WHY WOMEN SHOULD LEARN MORE ABOUT TYRRELL'S GOVERNMENT

By Mrs. W. S. Carawan. Several of the Tyrrell County women met with the county commissioners the first Monday in July and asked them to provide \$500 for the expense of a home demonstration agent for one year. The women pointed out that the State practically paid all of her salary and as it will be impossible to get funds for an agent before December, so the district president says, the commissioners would only have to provide \$200 in this year's budget. For this amount we would have a woman who would go from home to home showing young mothers how to provide wholesome food for their babies and children, which is one of the most necessary things needed in our county. She would also teach classes for women on how to prepare well balanced meals. This alone would mean health and more energy to pay back some of the \$380,000 indebtedness, which the women were told the county now owes. She would have been worth \$300 to the county during the last two months for she would have taught the girls and women how to preserve and save some of the beans, peas and other vegetables which were shipped and not sold for enough to pay express bills. Another helpful thing she would do would be to organize 4-H clubs all over the county, and instill in the young and old competitive ideas in raising poultry, cooking, sewing and house-keeping. Her work would be in Frying Pan, Gum Neck, Kilkenny, Alligator and other sections which has not been blessed with good roads and who really need someone to visit them as well as the other communities which are more accessible to get to. All of these things were told the commissioners but they said they were not able to pay... would accomplish.

Now since our county is so heavily in debt and funds cannot be made available to pay a lady to come to the 700 families in this county and teach many things which I have not already mentioned, the best thing for the women to do is to study just how and why we are so heavily in debt. We already know that about \$166,000 of this amount we now owe is for the Tyrrell-Hyde road which is not passable and still lacks about half a mile being completed. That, according to an article in the Raleigh News and Observer, most of the 10 per cent mileage of 1929 has been given to other counties and the Tyrrell-Hyde road not mentioned. If the women will not only study but take more interest in the finances and the political life of the county, when they want things which will really be helpful and worthwhile to them, ways and means will be provided to get what they need without any extra taxes. When women spend money for clothes and groceries they are very careful about just how it should be spent but when they pay their taxes they think it is not their obligation to find out what it goes for. Just as long as we stay in ignorance about the county finances we certainly cannot hope and do not especially deserve to get anything. Some women may say they do not know where to get the desired information. Well, the records of the county commissioners, road commissioners, board of education and the town board belong to you just as much as they do to the officials, so do not mind asking to examine these records any time you want to know about the expenditures of the county. For there is certainly one sure thing we are going to have to do our part to pay back the \$380,000 indebtedness. Another way to be better informed will be to attend the board meetings which are as public to you as they are to some other people who want things done. Most women probably felt like a woman who told this: "An old man was very much in trouble and some one was trying to find out some of his bad traits. One person said the only thing he knew bad about him was that he stayed in the court house every first Monday part of the day and tried to find out just what was happening." Evidently that person thought the old gentleman was doing wrong by visiting these board meetings. Now that is every taxpayer's privilege and here is hoping

the women will soon feel more responsibility about these affairs which is of vital interest to every man and woman in the county.

The budget of the year will be passed on finally the first Monday in August and I feel sure that the commissioners will appreciate having your interest.

IN BRIEF

Make plans now for the fall and winter garden. Remember that crops planted during the hot summer months need a lot of attention if they are to get off to a good start. Prepare the land well, and plant level or in furrows rather than on ridges.

Plant sweet corn early in the month. Good varieties are Country Gentleman, Stowell's Evergreen, Trucker's Favorite and Norfolk Market.

Keep up the supply of snap beans by making successive plantings every two or three weeks, and be prepared to fight the bean beetle.

Two vegetables not commonly grown, but worthy of trial by every home gardener are kohlrabi and Italian sprouting broccoli. Sow the seed in a partially shaded bed by the middle of July or the first of August, and transplant as you would cabbage, setting the kohlrabi 8 inches apart and the broccoli 18 to 20 inches apart in the row.

It is not too late to plant cucumbers for pickling. Try sinking an old keg (with the bottom knocked out) into the ground and fill it with manure, then plant three or four hills of cucumbers around the keg. By pouring a bucket of water into the keg twice a week the plants receive both food and water, and a crop is red.

Use liberally with readily available fertilizer, and keep down weeds and grass.

Pull up old bean vines and other crops that are through bearing, and dump them on the fire-heap or compost pile. Garden refuse makes good compost, but it is often better to burn all trash in order to help get rid of insect and disease pests.

If any of your vegetable or flower plants have a rusty appearance, examine them closely for red spider injury. These tiny, reddish mites are found on the under surface of the leaves under a delicate web where they feed, causing the foliage to become yellow and the plants to have a sickly appearance. Control them by drenching plants with a strong stream of water, or by dusting the under surface of the leaves with finely ground dusting sulphur.

Plant a fall crop of Irish potatoes. The Lockout Mountain variety is satisfactory for most parts of the State.

Mrs. Kisiah Smith Dies After Operation

Mrs. Kisiah Wright Smith, 33, died Saturday night at 9:30 in St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, after an operation. She had been there four days.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 3:30 at the grave in Beaver Hill cemetery, Edenton, the Rev. W. B. North officiating.

She leaves a husband and two daughters, Thomas Smith of Mill Avenue, and Mrs. J. W. Lassiter of Edenton and Miss Rado Smith. Also six brothers, R. S. Wright, of Edenton; T. F. Wright, Columbia; J. L. Wright, Edenton; J. H. Wright, of Columbia; Major Wright of Edenton, and H. W. Wright, of Edenton. Also two sisters; Mrs. E. C. Twiddy, of Columbia; Mrs. Ellen Basnight, of Edenton.

She was born in Tyrrell county. She had lived in Edenton about four years. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wright.

REVIVAL MEETING ENDS

The revival services which were being held at the Christian church, for the past two weeks, by Rev. R. C. Repass, pastor, came to a close Sunday night. The meeting was much enjoyed by the entire community, and nine new members were added to their roll.

Don't forget to renew your subscription to the Progress.