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**HOME AGENT MAKES REPORT TO AUTHORITIES**

At the beginning of this year the home demonstration clubs in the county took up the study of foods in order to sponsor better gardens, better conservation of food, and better preparation of meals, according to a six months report read to the Board of County Commissioners at their regular meeting here Monday by Miss Pratt Covington, Washington County Home demonstration agent.

Thirty-two women volunteers to act as leaders of their clubs and attend the leaders schools which have been held every other month at the courthouse. So far two schools have been held. In some cases these leaders have held splendid meetings at their clubs.

A county council meeting was held in the agent's office at the beginning of the new year with an attendance of 18 members. The purpose of this meeting was to explain the entire program for the year and set up goals.

One new woman's club has been organized at Scuppernon. This is one of the most wide awake clubs in the county. It is composed of 12 members, with practically the total of this membership attending every meeting.

"Make half the income do the work of the whole" is the slogan of the clubs. Efforts have been made to work up what is called a "parcel post" market, instead of a curb market. A number of inquiries about dressed chickens, have been received.

Fifty-six homes have been visited and special help given to remodeling practically every room in the house. This was done outside of regular club work, and in most instances some special work was done.

Several women in the county are interested in planting celery, and special help has been given each injury.

Setting eggs (turkey and chicken) have been bought through the home agent. As far as possible this exchange has been made in the county through club members.

**Girls' Clubs**

In all the girls' clubs every member was weighed to determine the number of overweights and underweights. Sixty per cent of the girls were found to be underweight. After the first meeting the largest percentage reported great improvement. Health score cards were given out and special attention was given the diet. In order to make this project impressive "Good Health" was the goal.

A hooked rug was raffled off by the girls' club at Plymouth to send two members to the State short course at Raleigh. The girls are interested and the majority of members are working toward winning this trip. It is the goal of every club to send at least one member to this short course.

**News For Farm And Home**

By MISS ELEANOR PRATT COVINGTON, HOME AGENT  
R. E. DUNNING, COUNTY AGENT

**HOME AGENTS SCHEDULE**

Week Beginning May 6  
Monday, Plymouth  
Tuesday, Piney Grove  
Wednesday, Roper Woman's Club meets with Mrs. L. E. Hassell  
Thursday, Chapel Hill Woman's Club, Plymouth Girls' Club.  
Friday, Cherry Woman's Club meets with Mrs. M. A. Ambrose  
Saturday, Office  
Week Beginning Monday May 13  
Monday, Scuppernon  
Tuesday, Mackeys  
Wednesday, Albemarle Woman's Club  
Thursday, Monticello  
Friday, Wena Woman's Club  
Saturday, Office.

Reused Grass  
The Home Demonstration Clubs reseeded the grass at the courthouse and planted four cedar deodars. Next fall, this project is planned to be completed.

**Hooked Rugs Sold**

Over one hundred dollars worth of hooked rugs have been bought as a result of the hooked rug display in the agent's office in January.

**INTEREST CITY ELECTION LAST TUESDAY LOW**

Apathy marked the town election that took place here Tuesday.

Only 190 out of the 600 qualified voters in town went to the polls to cast their ballots for their favorite candidates. The others remained at their place of business, as there was scarcely any politics done. Many of the candidates were without opposition.

R. P. Walker was unanimously elected mayor to succeed himself by the voters that cared to cast their ballots, as Mr. Walker had no opposition. H. E. Beam was reelected a member of the water and light commission for another six years.

In the first ward H. A. Williford and E. L. Owens had no opposition. The candidates for mayor and water and light commissioner along with the two councilman candidates received the eighteen votes cast.

Forty-three votes were cast in the second ward. Mayor Walker and H. E. Beam got 43 votes each in this ward. B. G. Campbell and G. D. Davis were reelected councilmen to succeed themselves, defeating M. T. Bradshaw, the third candidate. The votes were cast as follows: B. G. Campbell, 38; G. D. Davis, 35; and M. T. Bradshaw, 18.

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**CONVICT CAMP TO HAVE ELECTRIC LIGHTS**

Electric lights will be installed in the convict camp on the edge of town near her some time in the near future as a result of a resolution passed by the Board of County Commissioners in executive session here last Monday.

J. C. Gatlin, W. O. Norman, C. L. Everett and T. F. Davenport, magistrates, reported that they had collected no fines during the month while business was better for W. F. Ausben who reported that he had collected \$10.

Serena Allen was allowed a credit of \$22.80 due to the fact that she was charged with school tax in the years of 1923 and 1925, her land not being in any special school tax district.

It was decided that W. M. Staley's land valuation be listed as follows to correct an error: 20 acres at \$1137.

It was ordered that all unpaid taxes should be advertised in accordance with the law.

**RIDGE GROWN TOBACCO LEAF MUCH BETTER**

Growing tobacco on a ridge sufficiently high to insure good drainage has meant \$60 an acre in extra profits to the grower adopting the method.

"We advocate the ridge method of cultivating tobacco," says E. Y. Floyd tobacco specialist at State College, who was here recently. "Our demonstrations in past years show this method to be superior to level or flat cultivation, as is practiced with corn. The ridge method has returned about \$60 an acre profit in a number of tests conducted with us by leading tobacco growers of eastern and piedmont Carolina. We have a little circular published here at the college which describes just what we mean by ridge cultivation. Each step is explained by drawings and photographs and the method is easily followed."

Ten farmers of Onslow county tried out the ridge method compared with flat cultivation on 40 acres of land last year. The average increase in yield given by the ridge method was 170 pounds of leaf per acre. This tobacco sold for 40 cents a pound and gave a net increase of \$68 per acre over the flat method.

Demonstrations in Lenoir County also show the value of this method. In this county, the growers are using good seed of the Cash variety or some other quality variety and about 90 per cent of the soils have had an application of magnesium limestone in the last three years. A large number of growers are also mixing their fertilizers according to extension recommendations. In Wayne County also the ridge method is popular and profitable.

Mr. Floyd conducted over 500 demonstrations of one kind or another in the tobacco counties of North Carolina last year. He also held 127 tobacco schools where 5,168 farmers were present.

**COUNTY BOARD CONSOLIDATES A FEW SCHOOLS**

Consolidation of several schools in the county was among the most important things done by the members of the County Board of Education in session here last Monday.

This merging of the schools was made necessary by the new legislation which limits the number of teachers to a specified number of students in the public schools of Washington county for the coming school term.

The reduction of the teaching staff for the coming year is imperative on account of the new school laws. This reduction in the teachers will be felt more in the smaller schools than in the larger ones. It has eliminated many of the smaller schools in order to curtail expenses.

It has been found by the County Board of Education that it is cheaper to transport the pupils of some of the smaller schools in the county to the larger schools. In the larger schools the teachers are more efficient, the equipment more adequate and the building more comfortable.

It was decided that pupils from the Kelly and Chapel Hill schools would be transported to the Plymouth school next year if satisfactory arrangements could be made with the local school officials. Swain school pupils will be split between Plymouth and Roper. All of Mackeys High school students, Albemarle and Pleasant Grove pupils will go to Roper. Mt. Tabor and part of all of Scuppernon students will go to Creswell. It has not been definitely decided as to where the students at Piney Grove will go.

James W. Norman, county superintendent of public instruction, has been informed by the state educational officials that Washington county is in a position to get more from the State School Equalization Fund because of the recent school election in which the county was authorized to continue an eight months school in all schools.

**Negroes And Whites Tried Here For An Affray Skinnersville**

Constancy  
The constant know of Towser,  
Masticates the toughest bone;  
The constant dropping water,  
Wears away the mighty stone;  
The constant cooing lover,  
Carries off the blushing maid;  
The constant advertiser  
Is the one who gets the trade.

**Convict A Negro And Two White Columbia Boys Of Assault; Heavy Fines****AUTO CRASH IS BEGINNING MELEE**

Disinterested witnesses Aid In Unraveling Tangles In Evidence Caused By Varied Tales Told By Excited And Injured Participants In Fight Along The Roadside; Second Mixup Only Short Distance From First

Skinnersville, May 9.—Twelve persons including four white boys and eight Negroes were tried in Recorder's Court in Plymouth Tuesday for engaging in an affray on the detour on the side of the highway number 90 in this section Sunday afternoon.

The Negroes were Hubert Chanef, Clarence Downing, Bunk Woodley, Will Fenner, Pink Cradel, Dave Downing, James Lassiter and Henry Spruill, all of this county. The white boys were Jenis Spencer, John Melson, William Sexton and Charlie Spencer, all of Tyrrell county.

The charge against the Negroes as contained in the warrant was that they engaged in an affray on the public highway using deadly weapons, such as knives, clubs and wrenches. The white boys were arraigned under a similar charge.

Clarence Downing was found guilty of assault by a jury and was fined \$10 and a third of the cost of the court. The other Negroes were found not guilty. Charlie and Jenis Spencer were both found guilty and were fined \$25 and costs each and a third of the costs of the court each. The other white boys were acquitted.

Evidence by disinterested witnesses tended to show that the red truck in which the Negroes were riding was struck or had stalled in the one-way detour on Sunday afternoon. The white boys on a roadster came up behind the truck and crashed into it. No damages were done the vehicles.

When the vehicles bumped together the white boys said something to the Negroes who cursed them. They got out of the car and attacked one of the blacks that they pulled off the rear of the truck as it started off. After going a short distance the boys overtook the Negroes again and according to witnesses precipitated a second affray by cutting off the switch of the Negroes truck and attacking the driver.

This time the fight got underway in earnest. The blacks were armed with automobile tools and any other weapon possible. The melee kept up for a time.

**Elizabeth City Lawyer Spoke Roper Graduates This Week On Picturesque School Stage****VISIT TO CITY ENJOYED**

BY VIRGINIANS

What some visitors think of Plymouth is revealed in a letter to J. G. Coggins from R. E. L. Watkins, commonwealth attorney of Southampton county, who was here about two weeks ago with a party composed of himself, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. L. V. Coggins and Miss Anni Mae Coggins, all of Franklin, Va.

Here is a copy of the letter in part: J. G. Coggins  
Plymouth, N. C.

Dear Jim:

I hope you will pardon me for my seeming neglect to acknowledge your many courtesies to me while on my recent visit to your beautiful town, but I have been occupied with so many things, that the matter has not received my courteous attention.

I enjoyed fully my visit to Plymouth the homes are so beautiful and the gardens and yards most attractive, and your hostess was very careful to consider our comfort.

The factory, fish packing house, and the seines were each worth while to see. Our trip was exceedingly pleasant, and we all enjoyed not only the drive, but the scenes about your town, and are especially indebted to you for your thought of our pleasure.

With best wishes for you, I am  
Very sincerely,  
R. E. L. WATKINS.

**YOUNG LADIES TO OPEN TEA ROOM**

Two popular young ladies, Misses Leona Arps and Mary Bronson, will open a tea room here Saturday. The young ladies will operate the business in modern style with all the necessary conveniences. They will offer special and appetizing menus at popular prices. Their tea room will be in the building on Washington Street formerly occupied by Mrs. Edison Swain, who removed her establishment to a building on Water Street.

Miss Mary Anthony spent the week end in Weldon with her parents.

Roper, May 9.—Picturesque in its setting was the stage in the local school auditorium, from which J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City, made the literary address to the graduating class on "Strength," Wednesday evening.

In the beginning of his speech, the well-known speaker recalled incidents in his visits to this county during the time he was prosecuting attorney for the first judicial district, and paid tribute to his host on a certain visit who was the late Thomas Blount.

The speaker in a masterful manner discussed the subject by reviewing the definition of strength at the beginning of his speech. By comparing strength with weakness he brought out many interesting illustrations that had to do with characters from ancient, medieval and modern history.

He mentioned three kinds of strength. Classified as physical, intellectual, and moral strength. In conclusion, he appealed to the graduates to devote much time to developing these elements of their lives.

Hon. Carl L. Bailey, prosecuting attorney for Washington county, introduced the speaker. E. N. Riddle, principal of the school, made a few suggestions to the graduates in a short speech before presenting the high school seniors their diplomas.

**"JOSH" WOODLEY ELECTED MAYOR OF CRESWELL**

Creswell, May 9.—Qualified voters of this municipality went to the polls here Tuesday en masse and elected J. G. Woodley mayor, and C. N. Davenport, Jr., D. S. Woodley, O. D. Hatfield, and C. A. Swain members of the board of aldermen.

**Card of Thanks**

I take this method of expressing my appreciation and thanks to the many friends in and around Plymouth for their help and sympathy in my grief and great loss at the death of my son, Harry W. Davis. Also I wish to thank those that contributed the beautiful flowers.

MRS. REBECCA DAVIS.

**POET AND PEASANT**

"I wonder if there will be many married women among the teachers that will be elected to teach in Washington county the next school year," asked the peasant.

"That is hard to tell," said the Poet. "The County Board of Education and the various school officials throughout the county are now receiving applications I understand."

"What are the young girls that have gone from this county, who have gone to a large expense to prepare themselves to teach, going to do? They have to have a job as they don't have anyone to support them, unless it is their father, who has probably spent all that he could borrow to send them to college, while the married women have a husband to look out for them, and a home and more like some children to look out for," said the Peasant.

"Yes, that is a very deplorable condition that exists in our county," responded the Poet. "In Perquimans and Chowan counties, married women are not allowed to teach in the public schools. The honorable school boards

of these counties said that if a woman looked out for her home and children, she would have all that she could take care of and that she could not be an efficient mother and teacher. There are married women in this county that are teaching school and drawing a big salary while their husbands are earning enough to take care of them. There are also young girls, natives of Plymouth and Washington county, that are prepared to take care of the position but are having to walk the streets or go out of the county to look for work."

"But are these young girls as efficient as the married women?" asked the Peasant.

"I should think that they are," said the Poet. "They were trained in the same schools, they probably have much sense and they certainly are not leaving a baby at home to cry for the want of a mother's care. In fact, while discussing this deplorable condition with one of the principals in the county, he stated that he had found the young girls as efficient as the married women."