

Tyrrell County Farm Youths Have Faith In Methods Taught Two Years In Vocational Agriculture Department In Columbia School

ASK OFFICIALS AID IN CONTROL FOREST FIRES

A committee from the Chamber of Commerce will appear before the County Commissioners here Monday with L. A. Carter, of Windsor, forester of the Northeastern district representing the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, to ask the officials to cooperate in the protection of forest lands in Washington county from fires. The commercial committee will include L. W. Gurkin and A. L. Alexander.

Each year forest fires sweep over large areas of forest lands destroying standing timber, wiping out vast areas of young second growth, robbing the soil of its fertility and often burning down barns and homes. When forest fires do not kill the mature timber, they slow down the trees' growth and harden the wood. Repeated fires too often reduce what was once a productive stand of timber to waste land upon which nothing is produced.

Not only does the landowner suffer when woods are burned, but the people in the county as a whole suffer. "Taxes go up when the woods burn down" is only too true. A burned woods means a reduced valuation upon which the county collects its taxes. Also, when the woods are burned, the young trees that would have helped produce tomorrow's supply of useful wood have been destroyed and the whole people lose a part of one of our greatest natural resources.

The agreement the Commissioners will be asked to sign calls for an appropriation in the amount of \$600.00 in the County budget, which represents the most this work will cost the County annually. The State will pay one-half of the costs of having a forest warden force in the county, and in addition will furnish fire fighting tools and other supplies together with the services of trained men to supervise the work.

Forest protection is being carried on by nearly half of the counties in the State and all are finding that it pays to prevent forest fires.

SKINNERSVILLE MAN FOUND GUILTY OF STRIKING WOMAN

Skinnerville.—Accused of assaulting and making threats against Mrs. Joe Pritchard, of this section, Henry W. Swain, 62 years of age, a prominent farmer of this section, is out under a \$500 bond after noting an appeal from a fine of \$100 and costs imposed upon him by Judge Jerry A. Sawyer, in Recorder's Court in Plymouth Tuesday.

A jury found him guilty of simple assault. Judge Sawyer fined him \$100. He noted an appeal at that time through his attorney, Z. V. Norman, Van B. Martin and C. L. Bailey prosecutors.

LEGIONNAIRES MEET IN COLUMBIA JUNE 26

Columbia.—Legionnaires of the first district of the North Carolina department of the American Legion will gather here June 26 for their annual meeting. All former service men are urged to attend by T. I. Armstrong, district commander. It is expected that some 200 or 300 men will attend.

Speakers will include Gen. Albert Cox, of Raleigh, and State Commander R. V. Cherry. At this early date preparations are being made to care for as many as will come. They will enjoy a day of pleasure with addresses and eats.

PROPERTY TO BE ADVERTISED FOR TAXES

Property will be advertised for delinquent taxes after today, it is thought, as the 30 days grace period has expired. The list should have been advertised in May and sold in June, however, it was delayed 30 days in order to give the taxpayers more time. It is nearly out now, and the new law is strict in the sale. Just today left. Some think that the list will be considerably less than it was last year. Others think it will be more. Any way the names are to appear in the next issue of the Beacon and News.

Boys Manifest Their Belief By Conducting Projects In Corn, Cotton, Fertilizer Tests, Irish Potatoes, Poultry And Swine On Fathers' Farm; Instructor Wilkins Popular With Future Agriculture Leaders This County

By WALTER HOYTT PARAMORE

Columbia.—Demonstration of faith by works is the policy of the students of vocational agriculture in the local high school under the instruction of W. P. Wilkins, former head of this department.

Evidence that the boys have faith in this department and its teacher is revealed by the fact that nearly every one of the 28 enrolled boys last year are running projects this summer. They are proud of the fact that they averaged clearing \$47 a student last year on projects under unfavorable marketing conditions.

Irvin Swain, son of Dennis A. Swain, in the Jerry section of Tyrrell county, has charge of 8 of the 40 hogs now being demonstration fed on his father's farm.

Jim Reynolds, son of Mrs. Sadie Reynolds, Sound Side, has a male hog 15 months old that weighs more than 600 pounds that he has cared for himself. In addition this boy has two gilts and a corn project and 5 1-2 acres of Irish potatoes.

Colon Snell, son of Charlie Snell, also of Sound Side, has a sow with a litter of pigs only 8 weeks old that are heavier than some fed on the old system by his father for comparison. He runs a corn project also.

Phillip Woodley, of the Travis section, has seven feeders that are only three months old that he takes care of himself. All boys are carrying three acres or more on a corn project to produce feed for their swine. Edward Sawyer, of Sound Side, who is president of the Young Tar Heel Farmer's Club, is running a fertilizer demonstration on corn in cooperation with the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau.

Felton and Roland Davenport are running the variety test on cotton, using the Mexican Big Boll cotton seed and has a project on peanuts. Henry Davenport is comparing bought feed with home-mixed feed in a hog demonstration. Also he operates the Tyrrell County Hatchery, which has a capacity of 5,400, and is a breeder of Duroc-Jersey hogs. He started three months ago with 102 chickens; now he has 96 fowls in his flock and has cleared \$91.06. He has kept an absolute record. Luther Davenport, of the Travis section, is keeping an absolute record in Plymouth Rock chickens.

Many Achievements
Adult farmers attending evening classes last year conducted by Mr. Wilkins increased their yields from swine projects at least \$54.45 each. About 1,500 people attended the community fair in which the boys' class had exhibits. The boys have bought 500 pounds of cotton seed and many breeding pigs cooperatively. The boys entered a livestock judging contest at the Elizabeth City fair last year and have an active Young Tar Heel Farmer's Club.

They spent a week at White Lake last summer, and enjoyed a father and son banquet at the school building in February. They improved the school grounds by planting shrubbery furnished by the Parent-Teachers Association. Seven poultry meetings were held in various sections of the county with P. A. Seese, poultry extension specialist at State College, this year.

Plan Objectives
In a recent meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Department, which is composed of W. S. Carawan, Jesse Brickhouse, J. A. West, B. F. Alexander, C. J. Cohoon, H. C. Davenport, D. N. Pledger, C. W. Snell, Herbert Chaplin, R. A. Proffitt, W. D. Cox and W. P. Wilkins, an outline of objectives were drawn up for the next five years. They are improving livestock; studying seed, cultivating, fertilizing, and marketing of farm crops; encourage every farm to have an ornamental and practical farmers.

FARM BOYS GO TO WHITE LAKE AUGUST 12

Roper.—The week of August 12 has been assigned to the Agricultural students of the Roper school for their encampment at the state camp for Young Tar Heel Farmers at White Lake in Bladen county. There will be 20 boys from the Roper school to go on this encampment this summer.

The camp opens June 3 and operates continuously until August 30. During this time students of agriculture from 130 vocational agricultural schools in the State will visit this camp for one week.

The boys will go into camp on Monday and leave on Saturday. The camp is not open on Sundays.

The camp is properly supervised by state authorities. Athletic directors, trained nurses, and experienced cooks are provided. Outdoor sports, such as swimming, fishing, boating, baseball, tennis, horse shoe pitching, boxing, wrestling are enjoyed by the campers.

There were 20 boys from the Roper school who enjoyed this trip last summer. They were well pleased with the trip and expressed a desire to go again this summer.

Churchfolks Hear Dean Grim Speak To Seniors Sunday

No services will be held in any of the local churches Sunday morning at 11 o'clock as members of the several congregations will unite in the attendance at the service in the school auditorium, at which time Dean F. F. Grim, of Atlantic Christian College, at Wilson, will preach the baccalaureate sermon.

Dean Grim has the reputation of being one of the able speakers in this section of the State. For some time officials of the local school have been endeavoring to obtain the speaker as his services have been in demand over the State very much as he is a pulpit orator and speaker of prominence.

The Rev. W. E. Norris, pastor of the local Christian Church, will read the scripture, and the Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, pastor of the Methodist Church, will offer prayer. L. H. Hubble, superintendent of city schools, will make announcements at this service concerning other final programs for the school.

Music will play an important part in the program as the members of the church choirs in town will gather Sunday morning in a combined choir. The Rev. Norris will introduce the speaker. Rev. R. G. L. Edwards will pronounce the benediction. Mrs. R. G. L. Edwards will sing.

Mesdames Harry Stell and M. W. Spruill were in Norfolk last week.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many kind deeds done; and the kind words spoken during the illness and death of our beloved cousin and friend, Charles Dickens Gay-Lord. Also for the beautiful floral offering.

J. H. GAY-LORD, III,
MRS. J. G. JOHNSTON.

HORSE RECOVERS FROM GUNSHOT WOUND

Columbia.—Two Cooper boys of this county were given the horse that was shot by W. S. Wilkins when he fired the first shot out of a double-barreled shotgun at Milton Godfrey who he fatally wounded with the second shot.

W. P. Wilkins, instructor of vocational agriculture in the local school dressed the wound on the horse's mouth and told the youths how to care for him. They followed instructions. The horse has nearly recovered.

chard in horticulture; and raise the standards of farm living and preparing the boys to become more efficient

OVER 50 LADIES ENJOY COUNTY TOUR TUESDAY

Over fifty women from all sections of the county attended the better homes tour that was sponsored by Miss Pratt Covington, home demonstration agent, here Wednesday.

The tour started in Roper at 2:30. The first home visited was that of Mrs. E. R. Lewis. Here the women saw a nicely arranged living room. One attractive feature of the room was a Morris chair that had been upholstered by Mrs. Lewis. The home of Mrs. L. E. Hassell was next. This home is an unusually attractive country home of early American architecture. Her interesting living room with its well arranged antique furniture was a delight to those going on the tour.

In Plymouth the attractive new homes of Mrs. Edmundson and Mrs. Jerry Sawyer were visited. In each home the individuality of each hostess was outstanding. In the home of Mrs. W. R. Hampton the women saw numbers of interesting pieces of furniture in keeping with the architecture of the home. By the time the crowd reached the lovely home of Mrs. A. L. Owens the women remarked that the tour was one of the most interesting things that they had done in quite a while. The living room and library were a real treat to the club women who had studied the art of home furnishing. In the dining room the table was set for luncheon, where the women enjoyed observing the arrangement.

The beautiful old English colonial home of Mrs. R. W. Johnson was next visited. In this delightful home the women were shown through the living room, dining room, and attractive bedroom. Mr. C. S. Norman's home was visited also. Mrs. Midget, across the street from Mr. Norman, did not back down on her promise and let the crowd enjoy her lovely home for a few minutes. The old Colonial bed and beautiful hooked rugs were very interesting.

After visiting these interesting homes the tour party went down town where they visited the store of W. R. Hampton, where an attractive window had been decorated in the correct amount of canned fruits and vegetables necessary for a family of six for winter use.

The Owen's Furniture Store had an attractive window displaying a bedroom suit. The Plymouth Hardware had a display of "everything for the club woman's kitchen," and the J. C. Spruill store had an interesting display of glass jars for canning purposes. The women were next asked to go to the courthouse, where delicious lemonade was served to the entire party.

Those attending this tour were: Mesdames Roy T. Hopkins, T. R. Chesson, L. H. Davis, H. D. Peele, J. E. Singleton, Mary K. Davenport, N. C. Vail, Ida Brickhouse, C. L. Everett, M. H. Aumack, William Wiley, J. E. Bowen, Walter White, Bryan Harris, Layton Owens, R. C. Heynon, H. W. Bateman, A. C. Harris, Tom Holmes, S. B. Byrd, Frank Harphs, W. H. Harrison, J. A. Kinard, John Robins, L. E. Benckendorf, Lewis Skiles, Dick Chesson, W. H. Tarkenton, Clara Phelps, Esse Furlough, C. N. Davenport, N. G. Duncan, H. B. Byrd, Misses Perla Hopkins, Margaret Duncan, Caroline Swain, Clara Phelps, Marjorie Bowen, and Alice Grey Wolfe.

PRACTICE FOR PLAY

Skinnerville.—A number of young people met at Rehoboth Wednesday night at 7:30 to practice for children's Day Services which are to be held the second Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

ALMO THEATRE
TONIGHT
AND
Saturday Night
John Gilbert
IN
"A Woman Of Affairs"
Fifth Episode
Terrible People
DON'T MISS IT

MISS A. C. CARSTARPHEN



LADY TEACHES 50 YEARS; STILL ENJOYS WORK PROGRAM FOR BIBLE SCHOOLS CONVENTION

Roper.—Pedagogy continues to charm Miss Augusta C. Carstarphen of this place, after 50 years of service.

Recently she was reelected to membership on the faculty of the local school for the twenty-second time. Thirty years of this time she has taught in Washington county. The remaining time she taught in various parts of this State.

When Miss Carstarphen began teaching school education was a very much neglected necessity. During her career she has seen the public school system of Washington county ascend from the bottom into one of the best consolidated school systems in any small county in the State.

Unlike many of the pioneers in teaching she did not stop pursuing knowledge when she obtained her certificate to teach, she continued at the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, and State College, at Raleigh.

Through this method and with her keen memory she has kept up with the times, and continued to raise her certificate until she was granted a life certificate to teach in any school. Although, Miss Carstarphen attended school at the New Bern Academy, in New Bern, she is practically self-educated. She is a constant reader.

Now at the age of 69 she still has eyes that are as good as when she began to wear glasses some 35 years ago. Her health is good. She has not missed a day in school for 35 years on account of illness. Every school day last year she was present in her seventh grade classroom. She had about 38 students last term. Next year possibly there will be more under the new school legislation.

Dr. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, and Dr. McKiver, some of the pioneer educators in North Carolina, conducted the last institute in Plymouth at which time Miss Carstarphen was granted her State certificate. She has taught the parents and grandparents of some of the children that she is teaching now.

Among some of the distinguished men that have gone out from her classroom and made a mark in the world are the Rev. Joseph Latham, pastor of a Richmond Methodist Church; C. L. Bailey, former representative and now solicitor of Washington county; Sheriffs John McAllister and Joe Reid, Sr.; Dr. John Halsey Knight, of Richmond, Dr. Clarence Bailey, of Greensboro, and

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Creswell.—A program of the activities of the Washington County Sunday School Convention that will be held Saturday and Sunday June 1 and 2, in the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, three miles north of this place, has been released for publication.

This convention will be held under the auspices of the Washington County and the North Carolina Sunday School Associations. There will be three sessions in the two-day event. All Sunday School workers in every church are urged to attend. A basket dinner will be served Sunday at noon.

Devotional services will be conducted by Miss Helen Craddock at the first service on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. "Four-Square Sunday School Leaders," will be discussed by Miss Flora Davis, of Raleigh, general superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association. A record of attendance will be taken at this meeting. Announcements of following events will be made also.

Sunday Services
Miss Edna Stillman will conduct the devotional for the Sunday morning service at 10:30. "Practical Plan for Building Up the Sunday School," will be the subject of the speech by Rev. R. L. Hethcox. "Our Sunday School Task," is to be explained by Miss Flora Davis. At this meeting an offering will be taken for the support of the State and county Sunday School associations.

A period of business will be held at the morning service when reports of the county and township officers will be made; and the appointment committees will take place. A record of attendance will be taken also. Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Miss Ruth Davenport will lead the devotional service. Effective organization activities for the adult classes will be discussed by Rev. C. E. Williams, rector of the Creswell Episcopal Church. Miss Flora Davis will explain work in the Sunday School. A discussion of Sunday School problems will be led by Miss Davis.

Reports of Committees and election of officers will take place at this meeting. Also the place of the next meeting will be decided upon.

Present Pennant
Prior to adjournment an attendance record will be presented to the Sunday School having in the convention the largest number of representatives, years of age and over, according number of miles traveled.

POET AND PEASANT

"I notice that a local grocer has discontinued the habit of placing merchandise in front of his place of business," said the Peasant.

"Yes," replied the Poet. "This merchant realizes that when he sells tomatoes, flour, etc., that has been on display on the side walk that not only does the many germs that are in the atmosphere gather on this food, but that the dogs, that are allowed to run loose on the streets, frequently walk up to this appetizing display and throw his leg and sprinkles the same tomatoes that some lady will come along in a few minutes and purchase."

"How can this be avoided?" asked the Peasant.

"There is only one way that it can be avoided," replied the Poet. "It is for the Honorable City Council pass an ordinance forbidding the merchants to place their food stuffs display in front of their places business."

"That would be a very good law," replied the Peasant, "but what are going to do about these same dogs walking up to the lamp posts and posting salt water on them, then causing the posts to rust and have to be replaced?"

"Well, I hardly know how that can be avoided, as long as we have dogs," replied the Poet, "unless we can teach the dogs some manners."