

Writes For Beacon Seven Years; Wins Diamond Contest

"You do not know how much I appreciate the ring," said Miss Eva White yesterday when she was presented with a diamond ring by the Beacon and News for having written the best news material during the past three months. Miss White began writing for the Beacon in April, 1922, and yesterday was the first time that she has ever had any idea of how the paper was printed. "During the seven years that I have written for the paper, I have never received anything for my work that I appreciate more than I do the ring," said Miss White.

While in Plymouth, Miss White, with her friends, were the guests of the Beacon and News and every process that the paper has to go through before being read by the subscriber was shown them. Very much enthusiasm was displayed by both Miss White and her friends. "There certainly is more to this than I thought that there was," exclaimed one of the visitors.

Not only is Miss White to be highly complimented, but the other correspondents are also worthy of commendation. Were it not for the work of these ladies, it would be impossible to give the readers the variety and amount of news that we can now give them. Mrs. W. B. Chesson writes for the Pleasant Grove community; Mrs. J. H. Gay-Lord for Roper; Mrs. Bryant Harris for Wenona; Miss Mamie Woodley for Cherry, and Mrs. S. C. Smithson at Creswell. Other than these people who attempt to give to the public the important happenings in their communities, one member of each woman's club writes up the meetings of their club. If you know anything of news value, tell the correspondent in your community and help her to win the diamond ring that will be given the first of January.

CARE OF CHILDREN'S EYES AN IMPORTANT PROBLEM

"The care of school children's eyes is an important problem," said Dr. G. C. Hodgens yesterday. "Dull eyes often make Jack a dull boy. And Jill may be a dull girl through the same cause."

Mothers and fathers, in fairness to your children, when they bring home poor report cards, have their eyes examined before being too critical of their scholarship. Many bright children are made to appear stupid in their school work by imperfect eyesight. If your children find it hard to keep up with the rest of the class, perhaps they are handicapped by defective vision.

Dr. Hodgens will be at the O'Henry Drug Store next Tuesday and Wednesday and will examine all children's eyes free of charge.

REVIVAL BEGINS REHOBOTH CHURCH AUGUST FIFTH

Rev. R. L. Hethcox, pastor of Creswell M. P. circuit, has announced the beginning of a revival at Rehoboth Church Monday night, August 5. Rev. J. Bascom Harley, of the Roper Methodist Church, will assist Rev. Hethcox in the meeting.

NELSON MERCANTILE TO OPEN AUGUST NINTH

Preparation is being made by Nelson Mercantile Company to open their place of business on Water Street the ninth of August. New stock is being placed on the shelves. The interior of the store has been renovated and painted.

MISS EVA WHITE



DISCARDING OF RURAL SCHOOL PROPERTY IS CONFRONTED

By EVA WHITE

Skimmersville.—Quite a number of Washington county people voted equalization tax for the eight months school term last year.

Education is the act, process and result of systematically training the moral and intellectual faculties of the boys and girls who are to be men and women of our country tomorrow. Much money has been spent for building the schools in the county, and it is a shame to do away with the nice buildings which will go to ruin.

Children in the primary grades have a school near home, and not have to ride several miles cold rainy days to town in trucks operated by reckless drivers, who are not caring for the welfare of the children. Parents back in the homes are troubled.

Why cannot the country boy and girl have a good school in the country without having to attend school in town? The child should be well trained in the home. The teachers and the parents should work together and get the children more interested about school and the need and benefit of education. Having attended Blackstone College, at Blackstone, Va., and taught school, I see why better schools are needed in our little country villages today.

Just a few years ago the country boy and girl did not have the opportunity of the good schools as the boy and girl of today. The rural schools only had four months while the town had eight to nine months, but I am very proud to know that the country boy and girl have gone ahead of the town in the educational world. Most all of our presidents were boys who were reared on the farm. Our first president, George Washington, was a country boy and a good many others. You may look at education either way you want to, but I have a different idea of the consolidation of schools in our county. Without education the people of our nation would be very dull in business like the people of other nations today.

Wilbur Spruill of Raleigh was here during the week end.

COUNTY HOME BEAUTIFIED; OPERATING 35 ACRES FARM

Although Washington county does not have the finest county home in North Carolina, it does have as well-kept one as there is in the State, according to observations made by a representative of the Beacon and News.

Luther Basnight, county road supervisor, has recently finished cleaning up the yards and painting the houses, also he has had the trees whitewashed by convict labor. Flowers have also been planted along the front of the county property.

This is not the only work that Mr. Basnight is doing other than keeping up the county roads. He is also supervising the county farms. Since he has been appointed county road supervisor, he has reclaimed about 31 acres of land, after this year, he hopes to have 10 or 15 more acres in cultivation for the county.

In spite of the inclement weather, there will be enough corn and hay to feed the road team, also enough meat for both the county home and convict camp. On being asked if he thought that the farms would ever render enough returns to support the convict camp and county home, Mr. Basnight said "I feel that after this year the road camp, with the help of the farms, will be self-supporting."

Outside of the present farming land back of the present county home, there are three other farms owned by the county; namely, the Craddock farm, the old county home, and the Oliver farm. These three farms are being directly connected by clearing up woodland in between them. After the work is completed, there will be an 80-acre farm in cultivation. Each year, Mr. Basnight is, in his spare time from the county roads, reclaiming from 10 to 15 acres.

On being asked if he did not think that he had more than he could adequately attend to with the present equipment, Mr. Basnight told the representative of the Beacon and News that he felt that he could easily handle all of the work he had to do for the county, but with his present equipment he could not.

A NEW SLANT ON THE "POWER TRUST"

The bogey of "power trust" mergers, the favorite fetish nowadays of the politically ambitious, holds no terrors for Henry Ford.

Recently Mr. Ford said that the formation of a nation-wide power monopoly would be the best thing possible for forwarding progress and providing good cheap electric service. He believes that a trust, controlling the power supply of the entire nation, would be of tremendous economic and social benefit. It is doubtful if such a monopoly will ever come into existence, but Mr. Ford's statement is indicative of the opinion of intelligent leaders in all fields of industry.

Peanut-stand methods can not be applied to modern industry. The day of small producing units, whether of electricity or automobiles, is over. Mass production is the new economic doctrine.

There can be no "power trust" in the radical meaning of the term, under our system of public regulation of rates and stock issues. Governmental agencies and regulating bodies make it impossible for a utility to charge excessive rates and exploit the public. What is happening is that small plants are gradually being unified to create interconnected systems.

The result of such a program is that facilities are improved, better service is inaugurated, and costs go down. No apostle of socialism could ask for more.

The great progress of the past in this country has been brought about by private initiative and enterprise. High wage scales, good living conditions for the worker and social and economic progress are dependent on plentiful and cheap electric power. The great central systems of the future, with networks of wires embracing the nation, will give us greater service and higher living standards than we have yet dreamed of.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Brand, of South Bend, Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Tyson, of Farmville, spent Sunday here with Rev. and Mrs. R. G. L. Edwards.

ACTION OF CITY FATHERS MEETS APPROVAL OF BUSINESS MEN

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, at their meeting Monday night, heartily endorsed the action of the city board of councilmen in the proposed sale of the light franchise to the Virginia Electric and Power Company. Before the 10 or 15 members present sanctioned the action of the city fathers, President Norman showed where, by the Virginia company's rates, there would be a reduction of approximately 37 per cent in the present cost to the consumer. In dollars and cents, it will mean a net saving of \$7,700 to the consumers, while by the rates proposed by Mr. Livingston, the consumers will save only \$2,310 yearly.

President Norman showed his faith in the people of Plymouth, when one of the members of the commercial body suggested that persons opposed to the sale of the franchise and fixtures could spend some money here and cause the election to fall through by saying, "I don't believe the town can be bought that cheap."

It was also decided at this meeting that the commercialists have a representative present at the meeting of the city fathers this evening and encourage the calling of the election at as early a date as possible. "Let's begin enjoying the advantages that will be made possible by the sale of this franchise as soon as possible," said one of the commercialists.

The condition of the roads in Wenona were briefly discussed and tabled until the next meeting night, as a number of those present lived on (Henpecked Avenue) Washington Street.

STATE SCHOOL TO GIVE 4 SCHOLARSHIPS IN COUNTY

Four scholarships will be given worthy boys and girls in Washington county who wish to take advantage of the Stenotype course that will be given in the State business school at Fairfield. These scholarships will permit the lucky girls and boys, graduates from an accredited high school, to enter the school in September and take the complete course in stenotype at a very small cost.

The total cost to the student will be from \$20 to \$25 a month board and \$2 per month as rent on the machine. In a letter to J. W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction, H. D. Brammer stated that the stenotype was simply the touch method of shorthand. It is the machine way of shorthand.

Any one knowing of an interested and worthy young citizen of Washington county, will please advise Superintendent Norman.

RECORDER'S COURT BEING USED AS COLLECTING AGENCY

Of the six cases that came before Recorder Jerry Sawyer Tuesday, four of them were for bad checks, three being in the same family. No one appeared against the three defendants. T. E. Ainsley failed to appear against S. A. Holton, Mr. Ainsley also failed to appear against C. D. Holton, both cases being not pressed; J. H. Gaylord failed to appear against Goliath Blount and C. D. Holton, also bad check cases, which were not pressed.

Isaac Pailin, Jr., was given 30 days on the county roads and a fine of \$10 and costs, road sentence to be suspended upon good behavior and the payment of the fine and costs.

ALMO THEATRE TONIGHT

Emil Jannings

"Sins of The Father"

FATHE NEWS

Saturday Night

Phyllis Haver

"Shady Lady"

Fifth Episode

Tigers Shadow

WHY STAY AWAY

T. W. Snell And G. T. Sexton Wear Pajamas On Street

FARMERS' DAY CELEBRATION; WENONA HOST TO HUNDREDS

Preparations are being made to entertain the hundreds of people that are expected to attend the annual farmers' field day and basket picnic that will be held at the Blackland Test Farm in Wenona in this county August 8, according to J. L. Rea, jr., assistant director in charge of the farm.

Every one is expected to bring a basket. Barbecue will be sold on the premises. The entertainment committee is composed of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Latham, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Furbee, Representative John W. Darden, Grover Daniels, R. W. Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Heynen, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Latham, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kinard. The program will begin at 10 o'clock.

Invocation will be by Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, pastor of the local Methodist Church. T. J. Swain will preside over the occasion. F. E. Miller, of Raleigh, director of the State test farms, will discuss the work these farms are doing. Results of beef cattle and swine investigations will be discussed by Earl H. Hostetler, professor of husbandry at State College. Swine sanitation will be discussed by Dr. William Moore, State veterinarian. Better seed crops will be discussed by Prof. W. H. Darst, director of farm crop improvement division.

J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City, will make the principal address. Former Representative V. B. Martin will introduce Mr. Ehringhaus.

A ladies' program will be held in the afternoon with Miss Pratt Covington, Washington county home demonstration agent, in charge. A multiple horse hitch will be demonstrated by J. E. Foster. F. Bryan Harris will supervise a horseshoe pitching contest. A hog feeding contest will be under the supervision of A. P. LeFever. Contest prizes will be awarded the winners by R. E. Dunning, Washington county farm agent.

Agromony will be explained by H. B. Mann. Animal parasites will be discussed by Dr. William Moore. Better seeds will be the subject of a talk by G. K. Middleton, seed extension specialist of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association. Tours of the experimental fields will be conducted by J. L. Rea, Jr., H. B. Mann, Earl H. Hostetler, J. E. Foster, A. P. LeFever, R. E. Dunning, R. C. Heynen, H. J. Furbee, and F. E. Miller.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday School services will begin at Grace Episcopal Church Sunday at 10 o'clock. Holy Communion and sermon will follow promptly at 11 o'clock with Rector A. H. Marshall in charge.

POET AND PEASANT

"Well," said the Peasant, "I see that Lee Roy Harris hasn't caught up with Mr. Saunders as to dress yet."

"What are you talking about?" said the Poet.

"Well," said the Peasant, "I have heard lots of people say Lee Roy has many characteristics like Mr. Saunders and some have even gone so far as to call him W. O."

"There is a vast difference between Lee Roy and Mr. Saunders," said the Poet. "Lee Roy has not had the experience as has Mr. Saunders, but in one way they are alike, that is they both speak what the ythink, regardless of what it is about."

"You seem to forget what I asked you in the beginning," said the Peasant.

"That is right," said the Poet. "You said something about Lee Roy coming out in pajamas, did you not?"

"Yep," said the Peasant.

"I don't know as he will ever do

"You boys don't know what you are missing," said T. W. Snell, when he walked out of Burgess store wearing a brand new pair of blue-striped pajamas presented to him by Mr. Burgess.

W. O. Saunders, editor of the Independent of Elizabeth City, was being discussed in Tammany Hall by a crowd of men when Mr. Burgess offered any man in town a brand new pair of pajamas if he would wear them one afternoon on the streets of Plymouth. Mr. Snell took him up and promptly showed up at 5 minutes to 1 o'clock Wednesday and said, "Show me some pajamas."

He went directly from the store around to Tammany Hall and a crowd as large as has ever been seen to follow a circus around in Plymouth gathered around Mr. Snell.

Exactly one hour after T. W. Snell walked out of Burgess' store with a pair of blue-striped pajamas on, George Sexton walked out of Thompson-Clagon's store with a pair of green polkie dotted pajamas on.

Mr. Sexton wore a green tie and carried no cane, while Mr. Snell carried a cane and wore no tie. Mr. Snell is to wear his pajamas on the streets all afternoon, while Mr. Sexton is to work in his barber shop all afternoon with the pajamas on.

No arrests have been made.

MISS PAULINE SMITH MAKES REPORT

Condensed report of the work done by Miss Pratt Covington and sent out by Miss Pauline Smith, Northeastern District Agent.

Miss Pratt Covington, of Washington County, reports the study of vegetables and their value in the diet during the month of June. A good garden was visited in every club. Several steam pressure cookers have been ordered to get ready for the summer conservation work. The annual encampment was held at Mackeys. Classes were held in basketry, health, and recreation. Trips were made to the historical town of Edenton and to Camp Leach. The merchants of Plymouth and Mackeys and the Board of Education were most cooperative. The campers were guests of the local theatre and drug stores. One of the merchants installed a radio in the camp building.

WANTS APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL TRUCK DRIVERS

"Your article on the routes and everything about the school trucks for the coming year has been very effective," said J. W. Norman, yesterday. "I would like for you to make some mention of people calling in my office or writing for application blanks as drivers," continued Mr. Norman.

Blank forms have been prepared for this purpose and are in the superintendent's office. Any one wishing to apply for a position as driver during the coming school year will have to make application, using these blanks. Persons writing for an application should enclose an addressed and stamped envelope.

News For Farm And Home

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

Week Beginning August 5
Monday, Roper, individual work.
Tuesday, Albemarle Woman's Club
Wednesday, Monticello and Chapel Hill
Thursday, Test Farm Picnic Wenona
Friday, Cherry
Saturday, Office.

"The Effects of Synthetic Nitrogen and Concentrated Fertilizers on Cotton and Sweet Potatoes," is the title of Experiment Station bulletin 266 recently published at the State College of Agriculture. Copies will be sent free to citizens of the State upon request to the agricultural editor.