

Women Of Washington Highly Praised By Educator

Wenona Continuing Progress Says Native: Had Hard Fight

By H. J. Furbee

A little cork fell in the path of a whale,
Who lashed it down with his angry tail;
But in spite of his blows it quickly arose,
And floated before his nose.
Said the cork, "You can splutter and splash and flap,
But you never can keep me down,
For I'm made of the stuff that is buoyant enough
To float instead of drown"

The development of Wenona was made directly possible by the North Carolina law in 1909. About one year after the law was enacted, the Pungo River Drainage District was organized, designed to not as an outlet for Washington County Drainage District Number 4 in which Wenona is located, the latter being organized in 1912.

The land in this district of ten thousand acres was owned by the John L. Roper Lumber Company, who had practically removed all mercantile timber, leaving the area worthless so far as its agricultural value was concerned until the magic effect of drainage had aided in transforming it into a land of wonderful fertility in which it has no peer according to testimony of experts who enjoy a nation-wide reputation in this branch of agriculture.

A major portion of this honor is due B. E. Rice, who, at that time, was Land and Industrial agent for the Norfolk Southern Railroad, for the vision, perseverance and enthusiasm which he possessed and made use of to the fullest extent in the formation of this community. He was owner of "Wenona Farm" consisting of 160 acres and as such was the first to be operated. In 1912,

which marked the beginning of his activities on the farm here, under the supervision of his son, Mr. G. A. Rice, he planted two acres in corn which yielded 174 bushels of shelled corn to the measured acre. Had it not been for the sudden death of this pioneer in 1915, while on duty for the Norfolk Southern in the West, the advancement and growth of this settlement would have been greater.

In the autumn of 1913, three emigrants arrived in close succession in the order named: E. A. Will of Pennsylvania; W. L. Furbee of West Virginia and A. L. Glover of Ohio. At this time several 'eighties' had been purchased by people residing in the West who planned to develop and operate their holdings at some future time. In 1915 N. Rosenthal and C. J. Mueller of New York and J. L. Brewster of Ohio were added to the list of pioneer. In 1916 and 17, additional settlers made their appearance in C. F. Heynen, F. I. Hartung and R. C. Heynen all from Illinois. The settlement as a whole made a slow but steady growth until that period of depression set in—1920 which everyone remembers distinctly and painfully. Excepting this short period, the community has grown slowly but consistently by aid of improved farming machinery and methods, production of live stock and the Black Land Experiment Station whose inception dates from 1913.

In conclusion, it might be said that Wenona has had its ups and downs like all settlements where conditions and problems differ and such experiences can always be expected but we feel that she has the spirit of determination and perseverance to overcome all mistakes and failures and finally triumph over all difficulties.

By J. W. Norman

The heroic spirit of undoubted womanhood challenges the admiration of everybody. Nothing short of a Divine Discontent that has permeated the Soul of the so-called weaker sex could have enabled them to accomplish so much in the age old struggle. But they have wrought, and wrought well. Though absorbed largely by the duties of motherhood and home-making, they have forced their way slowly but steadily until they have broken down almost all barriers that have impeded their progress.

The progress made, however, has been sometimes slow and painful, nevertheless, it has been continuous and determined. But perhaps this was necessary since so many phases of human welfare have been touched and carried along in its onward march. It is indeed an interesting study to examine into the multitude of activities that have engaged the attention of women in their work. They are religious, social, spiritual, moral, cultural, and physical. Nothing has been overlooked that would weave into the fabric of human life stronger and better material.

The particular activity in this county with which women have been most intimately connected and for which they have been directly responsible is the club work as sponsored by the Home Demonstration Agent. This club work has reached directly or indirectly every family in Washington county. For several years more than 600 girls and women have been enrolled, through them the aims of the clubs have been set forth, and the wisdom of establishing them has been more than vindicated.

It might be asked just here what is the aim of this host, and have they in any way reached their goal.

First, their aim is to prepare girls and young women to make better homes, and second, to make better the living conditions in those homes that are already established. This is done by teaching the principles of food selection from the point of health, to teach how these foods are prepared thus aiding in the well being of the family; how to adorn and beautify it both inside and outside. In short the aim of these clubs is to better feed, clothe, and house the family, and to create better health conditions and thus rear a healthier, happier, and wiser generation.

Now who does this affect the Public School System. First, a strong body usually develops a strong mind. The child is able to be regular at school, he makes his grade consistently, avoids reputation and the attendant loss. He is happier because he feels better. Second, there is a spirit of co-operation engendered in club work because of the team work. Third, it intensifies the pride and ambition for the success of the child, because it gives the mother a better view of a bigger world. Fourth, it gives the oft-forgotten member of the family, the one on whose shoulders fall the responsibility of training the future citizen, an opportunity to express to the world, in this citizen, her fondest ambition. Finally: these clubs are allies of the schools in banishing ignorance and poverty, the greatest enemies of human happiness.

Cemeteries are full of men who were going to advertise some day.



One of the highest honors that State College can bestow on farm women of North Carolina is the title of "Master Farm Homemaker." This is done in cooperation with the Farmers Wife of St. Paul, Minnesota and the five women selected are carefully chosen by competent judges from among the hundred who are nominated by committees in their county. The five who were selected and honored at special exercises held during the State Farm Convention this year are seen above. From left to right they are: Mesdames Lydia Ashworth of Fairview, J. S. Turner of Reidsville, Ida S. Brickhouse of Mackeys, Henry M. Middleton of Warsaw, and W. C. Poa of Elmwood. Mrs. Poa was also elected president of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs for the coming year.



Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon

State Home Demonstration Agent and Assistant Director of Extension. Due to Mrs. McKimmon's efforts the standard of living has been raised in thousands of farm homes and the women of the county household has happily entered upon a new era.

MISS PAULINE SMITH DISTRICT AGENT

Mrs. Pauline Smith, is District Agent of the fifteenth district, and we are mighty proud of her too!

Miss Smith stands right behind her district working with the local Home Agents in solving their problems and in helping them to prepare programs of work which would benefit the local home maker best. She has been in great demand as a speaker at Federation meetings and other county wide meetings. Her principal district duty, however, has been to organize the work of the agents in her district to prevent duplication of effort and to follow the general development as planned at the college. We are always proud to have her come to our county, and are just as proud to have her at the head of our district, as to be in her district.



MARY E. THOMAS

Miss Thomas, Nutrition Specialist has held a leaders school in Food every other month in our county this year.

JACKSON

Miss Lula Watson

Our major subject for study this year has been foods. Our booster, Mrs. Joe Browning has attended every leaders school held at Plymouth by Miss Mary E. Thomas, nutrition specialist. The officers and members of our club are: Mrs. Wheeler Ange, president, Miss Lula Watson, secretary, Mrs. Joe Browning booster, Mesdames J. W. H. Browning, Eva Ange, Levin Watson, I. H. Wynn, Joeannie Burt-A. J. Ange, W. F. Ange, C. H. Davis, P. S. Browning, P. M. Ange, L. C. Waters and Miss Leona Browning.

PINEY GROVE

By Mrs. Pattie Spruill

The Piney Grove Club held its regular meeting with Mrs. Sadie Stillman on Thursday afternoon at two thirty. The demonstration given was canning corn on the steam pressure. During the afternoon six quarts of corn was canned. The members were thoroughly pleased with the new method of canning. The officers and members of our club are: Mesdames Sadie Stillman, president, Pattie Spruill secretary, C. A. Collins, booster, Frank Tarkington, J. A. Stillmon, Hugh Patriek, B. A. Stillmon, Ralph Collins and Elsie Spruill.

POET AND PEASANT

"That was some mess they had at the church on the corner of Main and Washington streets Sunday wasn't it?" asked the Peasant.
"It certainly was," said the Poet.
"It was worse than a mess. More dirty mud was slung during the morning and evening services than there were slung during the recent national election."
"Some of that mud was justified," said the Peasant. "M. G. Darden started a bunch of propaganda about Rev. Norris and he should have been reprimanded."
"No, Mr. Darden did not," said the Poet. "If there is a man in Plymouth or Washington county who has stuck by his church thru thick or thin, it is Mr. Darden and then for that preacher to get up in the pulpit and talk about him as he did, just to hold his job, well I just haven't any patients with such as that or a man of that type. He should have been at least considerate of himself if not Mr. Darden I know when, and it hasn't been so very long ago, Mr. Darden was willing and glad to work at anything, was not able to buy himself decent clothes and wore old patched trousers with a mismatched coat to church, yet he never failed to pay his church dues, which were more than most of those kicking him. If a man of this type deserves persecution, then everybody does."
"Didn't this man say that the preacher entertained and tolerated Negroes in his home?" asked the Peasant.
"Not that I know of," replied the Poet, "but I know of a young lady,

a member of the Episcopal church, and a young man, a member of the Christian church, not here, who sat on their front porch and saw a young Negro buck be entertained by the so-called servant on the front porch of the parsonage. This young man was a regular attendant of this church at that time—he hasn't been since."
"I don't know," said the Peasant. "I always thought Rev. Norris was a big man and one of the best I had ever seen."
"If Rev. Norris is a big man," said the Poet, "he will resign and get out. Why was he asked to resign, as I understand he was, from the last church in which he served?"
"It seems to me," said the Peasant, "that if he is considering the advancement of the gospel that he will resign as he was asked to do by the official board of the church."
"There is no question about it," said the Poet. "Both sides are in the wrong. They can talk and run off at the mouth all they want to, but it won't get them anywhere. They need and will have to have a change before any constructive work is done. What is needed most of all in that church is more work and less conversation."
"I know this much," said the Peasant, "If what wen on in that church last Sunday is Christianity, then I am a Christian and am going straight to Heaven when I die, so is a number of other sinners."

SCUPPERNONG BABY CLUB OF THE COUNTY

By Mrs. H. E. Clifton

The Scuppernong club was organized January 14th, 1929, with ten members. Mrs. H. W. Norman, our acting president, wrote Miss Covington and asked her to organize a club in our community. The day was bad and the roads were partly covered with water, but with carts we managed to get to the meeting. Mrs. H. W. Norman was elected president and Mrs. H. E. Clifton, secretary.

Since our club was organized, we have not had a meeting that we did not add a new member to our list.

Our members are: Mesdames H. W. Norman, H. E. Clifton, J. W. Spruill, M. F. Davenport, E. Pritchett, J. E. Nooney, B. O. Oliver, I. J. Alligood, H. W. Pritchett, W. E. Holton, J. J. Davenport, L. W. Liverman, W. Norman, and J. T. Norman.

BEECH GROVE

By Mrs. L. Parisher

During the year our major subject has been foods, and our May meeting was one of the largest we have ever had. Miss Covington has made our meetings very interesting. The officers and members are: Mrs. J. E. Singleton, president, Mrs. L. Parisher, secretary, Mesdames B. C. Bray, E. M. Chesson, H. J. Chesson, H. D. Peele, B. M. Snell, L. V. Chesson, and T. W. Davis.

News For Farm And Home

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

Friday afternoon September 6th a Leaders School was held at the court house. The subject for study was Room Improvement. Every piece of furniture suitable for a bedroom was discussed in detail. Color in making an attractive room was especially stressed. Nothing means as much to the personality of a house as color. Color can so enchant us that sometimes form and proportion is lost sight of. Or it can so distress us that there is no compensations possible. Without color a room is lacking in beauty, gayety, sympathy, strength, and vitality. Most people love color in

dress, but in our dress as well as in our homes the combinations are distressing.

Schedule for week beginning Sept. 16th; Monday, Jackson; Tuesday, Pleasant Grove; Wednesday, Swain; Thursday, Creswell; Friday, Alba.

There will be a potato growers meeting at the court house in Columbia, next Friday, September 20th. There will be short talks by six potato specialists. Farmers of Washington county are invited and urged to attend. I would like to have a representative group from our county present.