

Plans For Curb Market Be Made Saturday; Farm & Home Agents Ardent

This week letters have been sent to every club woman in Washington County asking her to cooperate in organizing a Curb market at Plymouth.

Last Saturday Miss Pratt Covington observed the Rocky Mount market and gathered some important data on opening and running such a market.

Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock a group of women from the Washington County Council will meet at the court house to discuss plans for organizing. The Mayor of Plymouth, Chamber of Commerce, and the women of Plymouth will be asked to co-operate.

The faith which has been developed on the part of the farmer in cooperation as a remedy for marketing difficulties has resulted from a realization of the need for united efforts in solving common problems.

The people of the county are asked to consider the advantages of a curb market:

First, the individual producer is unable to undertake many of the endeavors which are of vital importance to better and more economical marketing, but proper organization will supply this means.

Second, standardization of the products grown and sold on the market. The farmer is frequently criticized for lack of attention to the uniformity and quality of his products. As an individual he is powerless to remedy this weakness.

Third, intelligent marketing is impossible without information concerning crop and market conditions.

The average producer, however, lacks both the facilities and the time needed to obtain the most complete and reliable information of this nature. He is placed at a disadvantage in marketing his products individually because the persons with whom he deals usually have more complete information than he has.

Fourth, a curb market protects the customer as well as the producer selling his products. Standard price-standard products.

Fifth, Curb markets sell only once or twice a week and sell a few cents under the regular retail prices.

Sixth, A curb market will encourage the farmer to raise more produce for sale as well as for home use.

Seventh, Curb marketing produces results by the application of united effort and good business to common problems.

Eighth, The farmer peddling his wares will be required to sell at the market, and standardize his products as well as price.

Let the Farm and Home Agents know what you think of this movement.

PLYMOUTH HIGH WINS FROM COLUMBIA

Plymouth High went to Columbia Friday and won their first game of the season by a score of 7 to 0. Burl Gurganus scored the touchdown in the first five minutes of play and on the third play after the touchdown he was injured and put out of the game.

At no time during the game did the Columbia team threaten the Plymouth goal. At no time did they get nearer than the 23 yard line, while Plymouth threatened the Columbia goal a number of times. As the finishing whistle blew the Plymouth boys were within one inch of scoring another touchdown.

821 Children Transported Daily By School Trucks

COUNTY TAXES ARE DUE NEXT MONDAY; NEW LAW EFFECTIVE

Approximately \$165,000 in taxes will be due and payable to Washington county Monday, October 7th, furnishing a problem that many property owners will, no doubt, find hard to solve under present conditions. For many, probably even more than ever before, the obligation will mean great sacrifices. Those who are able can probably take advantages of a one-cent discount the first month, and so on down the line until next June the poor man will find a four cent penalty added to his taxes.

The 1929 State Legislature requires all counties to offer discounts during the few months that the taxes are due and payable and to impose penalties on those property owners who wait until February 1 to settle their accounts. During two months, December and January, the tax shall be at par or face value the law provides. The Washington County Commissioners are attempting to find out whether or not these laws are optional or compulsory. If they are optional, they will probably disregard it, but otherwise they will be forced to follow it to the letter.

There are seven clauses having to do with discounts and penalties in the payment of taxes and appearing in the public laws, Chapter 344, section 805.

In some sections the discount and penalty features injected into the collection system will have some effect. As to the taxpayers in Washington county, the law is going to bring about hardships on many, for the majority of the taxpayers will be unable to settle their taxes the first month were a 50 percent discount allowed. The feature inducing one to pay his taxes early is pushed far into the background by the penalty feature, for where one will get one percent off for an early settlement, another will get four per cent added on if he waits until next May to settle.

County Accountant J. C. Gatlin and his assistants have been very busily engaged during the past several weeks preparing the books, preparatory to turning them over to Sheriff J. K. Reid.

PLANT BULBS NOW

Remember that the "fall" is the time to plant all spring flowering bulbs. They may be put in almost any time from October first until the ground freezes; in fact, we have succeeded with even later plant, but the earlier planting brings best success.

The soil should be well spaded, and the surface of the beds slightly raised at the center, so that no water will stand, but soak the bed good with water when first put in, then later if it dries out. The soil will be better if enriched with well-rotted bone dust.

All colors of Tulip bulbs can be secured from the Home Agent for 40 cents per dozen. Bulbs are higher this year than usual, and this price is exceptionally good.

With 10 new trucks and six used ones, there are 821 children in Washington county being transported to and from the three high schools every day. This makes an average of about 52 to the truck, but some of the trucks make more than one trip.

247 of these pupils are transported from Plymouth, 281 from Roper and 293 from Creswell. It costs the county approximately \$1,000 monthly to operate these trucks. This estimate is not authentic and includes depreciation of these trucks, upkeep, drivers salaries, gas and oil and other miscellaneous accounts. This will mean that it costs Washington county \$50 a day to get the children to and from the three main high schools.

Transporting the children by trucks proved very safe during the recent year as there was only one casualty. A representative of the Beacon and News saw Gilmer Ayers, driver of the long acre truck, stop and one of the boys got out and went to the railroad to see whether or not a train was coming. This is done at every crossing by a request of the board of education. Drivers salaries are docked if they fail to do this or are reported for other reasons. The third report against a driver causes him to lose his job. The board is also offering \$25 to the driver who keeps his truck in the best shape; \$14 to the one who is next best and \$10 to the third. T. A. Stubbs, R. E. Dunning and L. C. Willoughby are judges. These men looked over the trucks before they were delivered to the various drivers and they will inspect them at the close of the fiscal year. It is thought that the various dealers who sold the county trucks will supplement this offer, thereby encouraging the protecting of the trucks further.

In spite of the fact that the board of education had to purchase 10 new trucks this year, 27 of the total 43 cents tax reduction was through the department of education. This department handles a majority of the moneys expended in the county.

Farm And Home

Schedule for week beginning Sept. 30th: Monday, Plymouth; Tuesday, Creswell Girls Club; Wednesday, Plymouth Girls Club; Thursday, Roper Girls Club; Friday, Hoke Woman's Club; Saturday, Office.

Last fall the State Department secured a small quantity of Black Walnuts from Mt. Vernon, one of America's historical shrines. Also a few nuts from Arlington, the home of our own beloved Robert E. Lee.

We want the 4-H Club boys and girls to get these seedlings, and start a Black Walnut Planters Club. These seedlings will cost just one cent each. With each order for 25 seedlings we will give two of the Mt. Vernon or Arlington seedlings. Order must be sent through the Home or Farm Agents. Orders will be accepted and filled in the order received (first served) Not more than 20 applications from any one county can be accepted.

No doubt there is some civic club or individual who will be glad to cooperate in getting a Black Walnut Club started in Washington County.

DOWNIE BROS. CIRCUS EXHIBIT HERE TUESDAY ONE DAY ONLY

Soon we can go back to the thrills of the boyhood days for the Circus will soon be here Friday Oct. 11th. With all its streaming banners, its lofty and gaudy Tablo Trucks, its dens that release strange sounds from those roaring, Beasts of the jungle.

Its Beautifully costumed artists from the four corners of the world, and Downie Bros. Free street parade is just a mile in length.

This Gigantic Circus Requires 75 trucks to transport it from stand to stand and its moves are made in record time at such a tremendous saving in cost that they have been able to reduce the General admission price to the scale of the pre-war days.

It is presented in a Mammoth Electric lighted all waterproof tent with thousands of comfortable seats. 50 great acts make up the programme assuring there will be no delays. Every second is jammed with Action, Thrills, Taughter.

Practically every animal of wild animal kingdom is represented in the Steel Arena and all actors of highest calibre—Lions, Leopards, Pumas, Tigers are all masterly handled by their fearless trainer unmindfull of their snarls and roars as they do their daily turns.

The Ponderous Elephants Heads headed by the Famous Teddy of New York Hippodrome fame. And supported by his little sister Babe the smallest of the performing Pachyderms on exhibition today.

The human side of the programme includes the names of many famous as stars of the saw dust arena, Trapeze artists, Wire walkers, Aerial artists. Those thrilling daring men and women who taunt death to win your smile. Tumbling Clowns, those never tiring fellows that live to make you laugh. They are just overflowing with funny new capers that will keep you in an uproar of laughter from start to Onish.

Then there are the Numerous Actors of our Domestic animals the Horses, Ponies, Dogs, Goats, Pigs, and Birds. Those lovable creatures will perform in a manner that will make one hesitate to call them dumb animals.

A troupe of high Jumping Grey Hounds that have been schooled by one of America's foremost Domestic animal trainers John White.

Carl Clarks Educated Florida Razorback Hogs comes in for considerable mention for their skill as barn yard actors.

Plenty of parking space has been arranged for at the show grounds at Ball park.

Act like a success. Advertise.

ALMO THEATRE TONIGHT
Joan Crawford
in
"Dream of Love"
COMEDY

Saturday Night
Eddie Quilian
in
"Show Folks"
Fifth Episode
Fire Detective
COMEDY
DON'T MISS IT

Caught And Arrested Sunday Night; In Court And Married Tuesday

WASHINGTON COUNTY IS 24TH STATE SCHOOL EFFICIENCY

School efficiency in Washington county was lower during the year 1928-29 than it was during the preceding year, according to the rating recently given out by the State Department of Education. It fell from an efficiency rating of 68.8 in 1927-28 to 68.4 in 1928-29, yet Washington county is only 24 points below New Hanover county, which is the highest rating county in the State, and has an efficiency rating of 85.9.

Counties are rated according to 10 factors, which are:

- Percentage of enrollment in average daily attendance.
- Average length of term in days.
- Training of teachers.
- Percentage of enrollment in high school.
- Percentage of children enrolled who are normal and under age.
- Average annual salary of teachers and principals.
- Cost of instructional service per pupil enrolled.
- Current expenditure per pupil enrolled.
- Current expenditure per teacher and principal employed.
- Valuation of school property per child enrolled.

Washington county shows a higher rating than does any of the adjoining counties. Tyrrell rates 53 with an efficiency rating of 62.2; Martin rates 41 with an efficiency rating 64.4; Bertie rates 27 with an efficiency rating of 68.2; and Beaufort rates 78 with an efficiency rating of 55.8.

Plans of Superintendent J. W. Normad will increase Washington's standing considerably if he has the cooperation of the parents. For this school year he hopes to make every dollar invested in education in Washington county give more than a dollars worth of value in return.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. A. H. Marshall, Rector Mr. Frith Winslow, Lay Reader.
Sunday School at 10 A. M. Celebration Holy Communion and Sermon 11 A. M.

POET AND PEASANT

"Have you ever noticed how the people of Washington county love to gossip over their neighbors?" asked the Peasant.

"Once in a while I believe I do," said the Poet. "In fact that is about all we do so I don't see how that we can kick on someone else doing the same things we do ourselves."

"Well I do," said the Peasant. "What we gossip about is to try and accomplish something while they try to tear each other down."

"Women do the most of the gossiping don't they," said the Poet.

"Heck no," replied the Peasant. "Men are worse gossipers than women, that is as far as damaging gossip is concerned."

"I don't know," said the Poet. "I never have looked at it in that way. I know that according to the papers the two parties hired women to carry on a part of their gossiping or rather begin it and the men

For the first time in the history of the Washington county government a couple were married to avoid being prosecuted for prostitution Tuesday. It seems that on information gained from various sources Sheriff J. K. Reid and Chief of Police P. W. Brown went to the home of Mary Ford's sister to raid it for whiskey Sunday night. When the officers arrived and rushed into a room they found Mary Ford and Louis Bell in a very embarrassing position, both colored. Mary was in bed with all her clothes off and Louis was standing in the middle of the floor, wet with perspiration attempting to get his clothes on but failed to don more than a pair of his underwear.

They were arrested on charges of prostitution and brought to court for trial Tuesday. Just as Solicitor C. L. Baily was preparing to call the case for trial, Louis and Mary called him off and asked if they would do anything to them if they were married. Solicitor Baily assured the couple that if they were married he would withdraw the charges.

Marriage license were at once procured from the Register of Deeds and County Accountant. Gatlin was called on to perform the ceremony. This was probably the first time that a couple has been married under these conditions in the Washington county court house.

Mary's sister was found guilty of running a bowdy house and sentenced to sixty days in the county workhouse.

In less than 30 minutes Mary Manley was caught, tried and sentenced six months in the county workhouse for one gallon of whiskey. Chief of Police P. W. Brown caught her on Washington street, between the alley back of Nelson Mercantile Company's store and carried her up to the courthouse where she was tried, Reorder's Court then being in session. She took an appeal. Only a few other minor cases came before Recorder Sawyer this week.

More rain fell in North Carolina Monday and Tuesday than had fallen over the same period in years.

Cemeteries are full of men who were going to advertise.

If you like knocking knock home run: Advertise.