

Farm And Home Agents Sponsoring Live-At-Home Idea

Since the beginning of the new year both the home and farm agents have been doing everything possible to create interest in Governor Gardner's Live-at-Home program.

Under the direction of the home demonstration agent the clubs are studying Foods, Gardening, Yard Improvement, and Marketing. Both the Farm and Home Agents are working with the boys and girls in the Poultry Clubs.

The Poultry Club members have already started hatching their eggs and a great deal of interest is being manifested throughout the county.

The Farm Agent has cleaned enough tobacco seed to plant over 2000 acres for the farmers of the County.

The Garden project is well under way, and numbers of hot beds are springing up over the county. The agents plan to make arrangements to keep the Curb Market open two days a week to take care of the surplus vegetables, and arrangements are already being made to ship onions, asparagus, lettuce, and tomatoes.

Nearly a hundred dollars worth of eggs have recently been shipped co-operatively from the Curb Market, and every effort is being put forth to keep the price of eggs up in this way. The income from the Curb Market now totals \$1011.09, which is an excellent record for a small town market. The aim of the market is to aid farm people to increase their incomes and to live better. It is the duty, therefore, of every person selling on the market to see that he brings only the best produce to sell.

Many a market has failed because the persons selling have not kept informed regarding the operation of the market; other markets have succeeded because the members have been kept loyal to their pledges by remembering the Golden Rule.

Year-round farming, with its diversified activities, means hard work and intensive study. These are essential to profitable adjustment. It means the study and mastery of the essential conditions of profitable production in the varied activities that a farmer must now direct. He must be a student as well as a worker; he must apply his brain as well as his hands to his many activities, and one is as essential to success as the other.

In weighing the school children of the county, the Home Agent found that only a fifth as many were normal as last year. This is a direct outcome of living at the "Store" and not at Home. This Live-at-Home program may mean getting up early in the morning to milk the cows or to start to market; it may mean looking after young chickens many a cold night; it may mean much pruning and spraying of fruit trees, and many other similar activities. But this is the price of success under the new order.

HORTON BROTHERS MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

The Horton Brothers Filling Station, distributors of Colony gasoline, is making some decided improvements on their station. All of the old racks are being torn down and a hydraulic automobile lift is being installed. Another wing is being added and improvements in general are being made around the station.

ALL SCHOOLS IN STATE SHOULD OPERATE EIGHT MONTHS SAYS J. A. SAWYER

Mr. Editor:

The next step I have suggested in the program for reduction of taxes on land is an eight months' term of school for every child in North Carolina, to be financed by taxes from sources other than land and administered and managed by the State. The problem of education should not be confined and limited to the counties and to landowners. School plants, equipment, salaries and costs of administration are all expensive, and millions of dollars are needlessly wasted each year in our efforts to educate the future citizens of our State. The States lay down certain requirements as to teachers, Superintendents, school equipment, etc., that each county must follow, and each school must follow standard requirements, whether there be one school in the county or community, one teacher, or one pupil. All of this is expensive and 75% of the cost or even more comes from the landowner, when more than 50% of the school children are from parents that do not own land, and consequently pay practically no tax. Furthermore, the small counties have suffered and are suffering on account of this great cost and thousands of children of school age are not being given equal school advantages as those living in the larger and more wealthy counties. Many of them do not get to attend school more than three or four months a year, and poor schools at that. This is not fair. If Aycock's theory was right all children ought to have the same opportunity now. But county administration and financing of schools has failed to come up to the standard of equal opportunity, and the State ought to assume the responsibility.

JERRY A. SAWYER

CHAIN STORE FAIRNESS

A few years ago, a large chain placed one of their stores in Plymouth and employed a young man, not a native of Washington county, as manager. This young man became very popular with the people of this section and made a success of the business here.

A short time ago, this young man was taken ill and physicians ordered him to take a short rest. He was replaced by another young man as manager of the store. Business has fallen off and it became necessary for the young ladies who were clerking in the store to take a week off without pay each in rotation so that no one of them would be laid off for good. This they all agreed to do and did.

Very soon after the young ladies began taking a week off without pay, a young lady who had been working with this store for two years and one month, missing only 14 days, this being caused by an automobile accident, was informed, without notice that she would not be needed any longer. No excuse was given her other than she was the sister of a young lady who had been in the employ of the store less than one half the length of time that she had been with them. This is chain store fairness.

TO HAVE SPECIAL MEET WASHINGTON COUNTY FARMERS SATURDAY

At the regular weekly meeting of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce in its rooms Monday Evening February 10th, there was a large number of business men, merchants and farmers present. Mr. Crockett of the Washington Packing Company was also present at this meeting and outlined his plans for canning tomatoes this summer. He stated that he expected to increase his capacity for canning three-fold and that he is asking for contracts covering not less than 500 acres of tomatoes, and more if possible, deliveries to begin about June 15th. He stated that he is anxious to get farmer's contracts signed as early as possible in order that the seed may be planted in beds for early transplanting. He further stated that he would guarantee that there would be an abundance of baskets so as to avoid any possible delay to the farmer.

Mr. Crockett was very enthusiastic about the outlook for this summer and stated that it has been proved to his satisfaction that the soil of Washington county will produce good tomatoes and a large yield.

In order to ascertain the acreage that may be expected the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce has called a meeting of the farmers of this section to be held in Plymouth, Saturday afternoon the 15th at the courthouse at 2 o'clock. p. m. and every farmer who is interested in planting tomatoes is requested to be present. Other matters of interest to the farmers will also be discussed at this meeting.

This appears to be an opportunity for the farmers to obtain revenue at the time of the year it is most needed. It is estimated that 500 acres of tomatoes will turn into the pockets of the farmers of this section between sixty and seventy five thousand dollars, and it is generally believed that tomato growing in this section, if properly attended to, is profitable, certainly more profitable than peanuts and cotton. It is also believed that if a success is made of this venture the present year that this kind of business will be greatly expanded, and within a few years this section will be made the center of canning activities for eastern North Carolina.

BEGIN ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN THIS WEEK

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company is this week celebrating their one hundred years of service to the public. For the next few weeks, a brief history of the activities of this organization will be carried in the Beacon and News. These histories are not only interesting but are beneficial to the average person as many things will be learned about railroads that have never before been known by the average person. Read them and if you have any cause to write the company, mention the Beacon and News in your letter.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. A. H. Marshall, Rector
Mr. Frith Winslow, Lay Reader.
Sunday School at 10 A. M. Evening Prayer and Sermon, 7:30 P. M.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Conley Greer Minister
John W. Darden Superintendent
Bible School 9:45 A. M. Communion 11 A. M. Sermon 11:15 A. M. Subject, "Rocks." Christian Endeavor 6:30 P. M. Dot Greer Pres. Sermon 7:30 P. M. Subject, "A Revival."

Rev. Norris Is Found "Not Guilty" By Jury Recorders Court; Only Case Heard

Virginia Electric And Power Co. Meet Columbia Officials

690 KILLED BY AUTOMOBILES DURING 1929

There were 234 more people killed and injured by automobiles during the year 1929 than there were during 1928. During 1928, 5443 people were injured or killed by automobiles while in 1929 there were 5664 that suffered from automobiles. Of the 5674 there were 690 killed, which is more than the number of people from North Carolina killed during the World War.

There were 3596 violations occurring, 494 of them being accredited to reckless driving and 456 exceeding the speed limit. The cause was not stated in 322 of the accidents and 223 were adjudged not violating any traffic law. There were 164 hit and run accidents. The other accidents were adjudged caused by various reasons, the outstanding one being by people who did not have the right of way. 326 accidents were accredited to this cause.

Sunday came in for the largest number of accidents, 785 happening on this day. Saturday was close Sunday with 589 accidents. The day having the smallest number was Monday with only 381. Tuesday only exceeded Monday one accident 382.

1553 of the total number of accidents occurred on a straight road while 332 occurred at intersections. Railroad crossings received credit for 112 of the total number of accidents and bridges 75.

There were a total of 4928 automobiles and motor cycles involved in the 3501 accidents, 4,281, of these being passenger cars and 418 commercial cars. Only 11 taxes were involved in the accidents and 60 motor cycles.

Most of the accidents occurred in the day time. 1902 happened in the day time, 377 at dusk, 965 at night and 247 not stated. It was clear weather when 2853 of the accidents occurred and raining when 224 occurred and 338 were not stated. The others occurred when it was either cloudy, foggy or snowing.

POET AND PEASANT

"I reckon that the county commissioners believe what we said now," said the Peasant.

"Believe what we said about what," said the Poet.

"About the Wenona road," said the Peasant.

"I guess that they do," said the Poet, "or rather if they don't I don't know what it would take to make them believe us."

"That's the truth," said the Peasant. "The 32 children who came to school from that section have been out of school for about two weeks, two trucks have been torn up and one tractor has had the wheel torn off. This cost them a goodly sum which was all unnecessary and would have been avoided if they had gone ahead and let the contract to one of the citizens over there for \$1,000."

"I think that would have been the proper thing to do too," said the Poet. "Last Saturday the Wenona people demonstrated who

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Columbia, last Wednesday, with J. T. Chase, manager of the Carolina Division of the Virginia Electric and Power Co., a tentative agreement was reached for the purchase of Columbia's light plant by the Vepco interests.

In consideration of the prestige and other advantages to be realized by becoming a part of the V. E. P. system, the Board of Aldermen offered to sell the Columbia electric light plant and distribution system to the Virginia Electric and Power Company for the sum of \$35,000, granting to them a 30-year franchise and the suspension of any property tax to be assessed by the Town of Columbia against their property during the period of the franchise. In consideration of the suspension of taxes, the V. E. P. is to furnish the Town of Columbia street lights not to exceed a maximum of fifty of the present candlepower being used now on the streets during the period of the franchise.

This offer has been submitted by Mr. Chase to the V. E. P. for their approval. If same is approved, the Board of Aldermen will provide for a special election to be held in the Town of Columbia for the purpose of ascertaining the desire of the qualified voters with reference to the offer which has been made. Should the offer be accepted by the V. E. P., and the action of the Board of Aldermen approved by the qualified voters in a special election held for this purpose, the Town of Columbia will become a part of the V. E. P. system.

HAS VERY GOOD SCHOOL RECORD

Cherry. The average daily attendance of Cherry school is 142.75 while the average enrollment is 177.25. This is an elementary and primary school. No children above the seventh grade attends. The per cent of attendance is 80.5, which is very good. There has not been a tardy during the entire year.

A jury composed of R. E. Doughtie, W. E. Weede, Clarence Spruill, S. D. Davis, R. L. Tetterton and J. T. McNair returned a verdict of "not guilty," in the case of State against Rev. W. E. Norris, recent pastor of the First Christian Church here. Rev. Norris was charged with having sold insurance for a company that was unlicensed in the State of North Carolina, he not having license himself.

On February the first, 1930, W. J. Jackson, Jr., agent for the Gate City Life Insurance Company, wrote the State Insurance Commissioner at Raleigh asking whether or not the Church Membership Relief Association was licensed to do business in North Carolina and stated that they were represented here by Rev. W. E. Norris. This was a second request for this information and as a result of it the Insurance Commissioner sent E. L. Warren State Insurance Investigator here to investigate. He approached Rev. Norris who told him that his company had informed him that it was not necessary for him to have a license. He surrendered to the investigator a policy that had been refused also the investigator got three others.

At the beginning of the trial, C. L. Baily, prosecuting attorney attempted to withhold Mr. Jackson's name from the case and W. L. Whitley, attorney for the defendant, in a very elegant manner made a speech which closed with the statement, "Show me my accuser." In his speech to the jury, Attorney Whitley made one of the best speeches that has been heard in the Washington county courthouse in many years. Picturing Jackson as a Judas, claiming that if Norris were convicted, Jackson would receive one half the fine.

DOESN'T CRAVE POPULARITY

Last Saturday a very mad man came into the Beacon and News office and said, "Isn't there some way that I can stop getting so much mail. I did not put that ad in the paper and I want it stopped." "This man was Willie Jethrow who seriously objects to the advertisement recently run in the Beacon and News advertising for a wife.

It seem that some of Mr. Jethrow's friends wanted to get him married, and knowing that the editor did not know him came in and put an advertisement in the paper. At once Mr. Jethrow began receiving mail from young ladies who desired a husband, and up until last Saturday he had received 30 letters in answer to a 35 cent advertisement.

His latest admirer is a young lady by the name of Miss Clara Weatherly of Hopewell, Virginia. Miss Weatherly is five feet, four inches tall; has blue eyes and dark wavy hair. The young lady included a snap shot of herself and requested that Mr. Jethrow send one of himself at once. She was a very attractive looking young lady. Mr. Jethrow refused to lend the editor the picture.

Schedule for week beginning February 17.

Monday, Jackson; Tuesday, Leaders School Miss Mary Thomas Nutrition Specialist; Wednesday Swain; Thursday, Creswell; Friday, Alba; Saturday, Curb Market.