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YOUNG TAR HEEL FARMERS CLUB IN ROPER FORMED

Officers Are Elected and Ten New Members Initiated

Roper, Oct. 1.—The Roper Chapter of the Young Tar Heel Farmers Club met Wednesday night, September 4 for the purpose of reorganizing the club. The Young Tar Heel Farmers Club is a state organization, composed of students in vocational agriculture. The following officers were elected to serve the coming year: Roy Blount, president, Leslie B. Spruill, secretary, Maurice Peacock, treasurer, Louis E. Hassell, reporter, and B. G. O'Brien, adviser.

About ten new members were initiated in the club, after which the year's program of work was drawn up by the young club boys as follows: Conduct one "Father and Son" banquet; attend Y. T. H. F. Camp at White Lake; pay annual club dues; improve school ground; conduct chapel programs; improve agriculture class room; have a candidate for Carolina Farmer's degree; each member read one or more journals; hold regular meetings during summer vacation; hold at least three socials other than "Father and Son" banquet; publish news items about chapter at least once a month; conduct group visits to projects of members; and support school athletics.

NO RECORDER'S COURT TUESDAY

Three Are Fined for Illegal Hunting Without Going Into Court

Things were indeed quiet in Washington County last week, as evidenced by the fact that there was no recorder's court Tuesday. While this is not the first time that this has happened, it has not been some time since there was not a single case scheduled for the regular session. Although there was no court Tuesday, the recorder disposed of three cases Wednesday of last week, when the game warden picked up a trio of white men for violating the game laws. The men, Captain George Wise, B. C. Wise, and Roland Styron, of Norfolk, were arrested by Warden Harry Stell for hunting along the Roanoke River. They asked for an immediate trial and entered pleas of guilty to hunting out of season and without license, the recorder letting them off with fines of \$5 and the court costs.

Fifth Paving Installments Became Due October 1st

Tax Collector P. W. Brown is today running an advertisement calling attention to the fact that the fourth paving installments are long past due, and that he will be forced to advertise property for sale within a short time unless the installments are paid. The collector said that there were many who had not paid the amount due by them.

Attention was also called to the fact that the fifth installment became due October 1st, and Chief Brown is asking all those who can to pay their installments as soon as they can.

Program of Services At Episcopal Church

The following services were announced this week for Grace Episcopal Church here Sunday:

10 a. m., Sunday school, W. F. Winslow, superintendent.

11 a. m., celebration of Holy Communion and sermon by the rector, Rev. A. H. Marshall.

LOCAL LEAGUE IS VERY ACTIVE

Organized Four Weeks Ago With 14 Members; Now Has 40; Install Officers

The recently organized Epworth League here held a public installation of officers ceremony at the local Methodist Church Sunday night. Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, pastor of the church, administered the obligations to the newly elected officers at the service, which was largely attended.

The officers installed were: Councillor, Mrs. T. C. Robbins; president, Lottie Hardison; vice president, Clyde Edwards; secretary, Martha Mayo; treasurer, Virginia Norman; Era agent, Ralph Swain; superintendent first department, Janice Tetterton; superintendent second department, Gladys Martin; superintendent third department, Emily Brinkley; superintendent fourth department, Louise Duval.

This league was only organized about four weeks ago, with a charter membership of 14. In the short period since that time the enrollment has increased to around 40. Rev. Edwards says that the young people are apparently taking much interest in the objectives and work of the organization.

Club Women Are Preparing For Federation Meeting 24th

Plans are rapidly maturing for the big meeting of the federated women's home demonstration clubs of Washington County, to be held in the school auditorium at Creswell Friday, October 24, at 2:30 p. m. Miss Pratt Covington, county home demonstration agent, said yesterday that at least 350 or 400 women were expected at the meeting to be held there.

The program to be presented promises to be the best ever given at a federation meeting, the home agent says, with a number of well-known speakers to be invited to attend. Other features will be the reports from the various clubs in the county, every organization being

expected to give a complete report of its activities and work for the year.

Prizes will be awarded the club reporting the most outstanding work of the year, and a \$10 pressure cooker will be given to the woman whose garden is considered best by the judges. Plans will be outlined for the coming year by the home demonstration agent, and a number of other business matters will be disposed of by the meeting.

The Creswell, Albemarle, Scuppernon, and Cherry clubs will be hostesses to the gathering, which is expected to break all records for attendance and interest displayed.

State Theatre, Plymouth's New Movie Palace, to Open For First Showing Monday

WAGING WAR ON SLOT MACHINES

Sheriff and County Solicitor To Begin Prosecution Of Operators

Sheriff J. K. Reid and County Solicitor Carl Bailey announced this week that they were going to begin an active campaign against slot machines in the county. The sheriff said that a great many filling stations and small stores have been running the machines, the operation of which is a violation of the law, and that he was going to do his best to rid the county of them. Several owners have been warned before, but it is understood that no more warnings will be given. Wherever a machine is found, it will be seized and the operator will be prosecuted.

Jamesville Revival To Begin Monday Night

Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, pastor of the Plymouth Methodist Church, announced yesterday that he would begin a revival meeting at the Jamesville Methodist Church next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting will continue throughout next week, with services each night at the same hour. There will be a special song service every night under the direction of Professor T. L. Hickman, of the Jamesville School faculty. The public is cordially invited to attend all of the services.

Entertain With Surprise Birthday Party Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hopkins and Linwood Knowles delightfully entertained their sister, Miss Irma Knowles, on Tuesday evening at her home.

The home was beautifully decorated with ferns and cut flowers carrying out a color scheme of pink and white. The birthday cake with pink candles formed the centerpiece on the table with many useful and pretty gifts.

Mrs. Roy Swain and Mrs. J. E. Swain presided over the punch bowl. Games and contests were enjoyed by the guests.

Mrs. Lullie Allen and Mr. Edwin Getsinger, winners in the contests, were presented with appropriate prizes.

Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Miss Pratt Covington yesterday announced her schedule for the week beginning October 6th, as follows:

Monday (first Monday), office; Tuesday, Hoke; Wednesday, Roper; Thursday, Chapel Hill; Friday, Cherry (school children will be weighed at Creswell and Cherry); Saturday, cur market.

MOONSHINERS STEAL PIG FOR BAREBECUE FEAST AT STILL

B. D. Chesson, Cross Roads Farmer, Loses Nice Porker; Trails Thief To Still, Where Pig Had Been Barbecued; Outfit Destroyed

B. D. Chesson, farmer of the Cross Roads section of the county, had a nice Duroc-Jersey pig stolen from him early last Friday morning, and after an extensive search found where the porker had been barbecued at a liquor still some distance from his home. The moonshiners had evidently become hungry while making a run, and so one of them visited Mr. Chesson's pen, killed the pig and carried him back to the still, where a regular feast must have taken place, judging from the signs. Sheriff Reid was notified and he destroyed the still, but there was no trace of the operators.

WELL EQUIPPED AND MODERN IN EVERY RESPECT

Work Rushed in Order to Open With Matinee Monday

The State Theatre, Plymouth's new movie palace, will be thrown open to the public next Monday afternoon, with the first show scheduled to begin at 4:00 p. m., according to an announcement made yesterday by Gordon Brothers, the managers of the new playhouse. Work is being rushed this week so that all arrangements may be made complete before the time for the first showing.

The new theatre is modern in every respect, with every care having been exercised to give patrons of the talking pictures the very best that can be secured in the way of equipment. The building was erected especially for use as a theatre, the sound equipment was made by the Western Electric Company, Powell projecting machines will be used, and a Walker sound screen is being installed, all of which means that theatre-goers here can enjoy at home what they have formerly been forced to go many miles to see.

The proprietors of the new venture, Messrs. C. and H. Gordon, of Belhaven, have had considerable experience in the business, and are leaving nothing undone to give the town a theatre of which it will be proud. Installation of the screen and sound equipment was being made yesterday, and it was thought at that time that tests would be made of the equipment today.

The capacity of the house at present is 350, and it was said yesterday that a balcony would be added later for the benefit of colored people, which will materially enlarge the seating capacity. Two projection machines are being installed, which will make possible a continuous show, no break being required between reels to change the film. The Walker sound screen is considered one of the best made. The large "loud-speaker" horn, weighing several hundred pounds, is suspended just back of the screen, which is perforated so that the sound will come right from the picture itself.

On Monday, there will be three performances, the first at 4 p. m., second show at 7:15 and the last at 9 o'clock. The opening pictures is "Let's Go Native," starring Jack Oakie, and there will also be several short subjects. The same program will be given at the same hours on Tuesday.

For Wednesday and Thursday, "Anybody's Woman," starring Ruth Chatterton and Clive Brook, has been booked, and on Friday and Saturday, the Ace of motion picture fun, "Queen High," will be shown.

VALUATIONS OF CORPORATIONS ARE DECREASED

Certified Values Lower By \$108,471 Than They Were in 1929

Certification of the property valuations of corporations operating in Washington County, as of April 1 of this year, were this week received from the State Corporation Commission by J. C. Gatlin, county accountant. The total valuation, including corporate excess of the two banks in the county, is \$1,813,785 for 1930, against \$1,922,256 for 1929, or a decrease in the 12-month period of \$108,471.

Public service companies listed practically all of the property charged against corporations, their total being \$1,799,926. Corporate excess listed against the two banks totaled \$13,859. Certification of the corporation valuations in the county brought the total valuation of all property to \$7,996,664 for the year.

The county's largest taxpayer, according to the listings, will be the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, which has property to the value of \$1,556,609 on the tax books. The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company lists \$205,583 worth of holdings and takes second place in amount. The other corporation listings are considerably smaller than this, the Pullman Company coming third in the list of corporations with a valuation of \$19,694.

While several of the corporations reported increased listings, the valuation as a whole is considerably off from last year. The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company had the largest increase during the year, reporting \$9,636 in 1930, against \$8,402 last year. Other corporations for which increases were certified were: Norfolk Southern Railroad, \$1,556,609 in 1930 against \$1,556,392 in 1929, increase of \$217; Atlantic Coast Line, \$205,583 against \$205,539, increase of \$44; Railway and Express Company, \$1,443 against \$1,213, increase of \$230.

Corporations having decreased valuations were: Western Union Telegraph Company, \$1,076 in 1930 against \$3,309 in 1929, decrease of \$2,233; Pullman Company, \$19,694 against \$19,864, decrease of \$170; and Edenton Mackeys Ferry Company, \$1,250 against \$4,800, decrease of \$3,550. The New Holland Corporation, which owns a railroad line in the county, had exactly the same valuation each year, \$4,635.

Corporate excess, listed by the two banks, follows, Bank of Creswell, \$3,922 in 1930 against \$3,083 in 1929, increase of \$839; Branch Banking and Trust Company, \$9,937 this year against \$15,019 in 1929, decrease of \$5,082.

The total valuation in the county this year, by classifications, is divided as follows: Personal property, \$819,062; real estate, \$5,363,817; corporations, including corporate excess, \$1,813,785; total, \$7,996,664.

MADE DELEGATE TO WATERWAYS MEET, OCT. 7-10

A. L. Owens Appointed To Represent State By Governor

A. L. Owens, of this city, was notified this week by Governor Gardner that he had been selected as one of the delegates to represent North Carolina at the convention of the Atlantic Deep-sea Waterways Association, which will be held in Wilmington October 7th to 10th. Mr. Owens has not yet definitely decided whether or not he will be able to attend the convention.

The Atlantic Deep-sea Waterways Association is an organization formed for the purpose of securing better inland waterway facilities along the whole of the eastern seaboard, and the convention at Wilmington will be attended by representatives from all of the States bordering on the Atlantic Ocean.

Local people are particularly interested in the work of the association, as it is felt that through its help deeper channels may be secured for the Roanoke River and Albemarle Sound, which will provide better facilities for shipping by water from this section.

Demonstration Meeting At Courthouse Friday

Miss Pratt Covington, home demonstration agent, announced this week that a leader's school, for the benefit of members of county home demonstration clubs, would be held in the courthouse here Friday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. Miss Mary E. Thomas, nutrition specialist, of Raleigh, will be in charge of the meeting, and in addition to other features of the program, will give a demonstration on cooking for the sick. Every woman in the county who is interested is cordially invited to attend the gathering.

MANY CHILDREN UNDER WEIGHT, SURVEY SHOWS

Miss Covington Announces Results of Weighing at Roper School

Miss Pratt Covington, county home demonstration agent, this week completed weighing the pupils of the Roper schools and announces that result of her work there. Out of 388 children whose weight was recorded, 268 were found to be underweight, 71 overweight, and only 49 weighed exactly what the chart used called for.

The second grade of the institution had the smallest number underweight of any grade in the school, there being only five; however, there were 13 overweight in the same grade. There were only three pupils in the sixth grade who weighed exactly what they should. There were 33 overweight in this room, which has 34 enrolled, and aside from the three perfect pupils and the three overweight the entire grade was underweight. The number of pounds under normal ranged all the way from 1 to 27.

The eleventh grade had a star pupil with a six-footer—one boy measuring six feet four inches tall.

Miss Pratt Covington pointed out that during the first month of school all children make the poorest average in weight, and she expressed the opinion that the number underweight would be considerably decreased by the next weighing date, October 19.

The home agent is weighing the pupils of the other schools of the county as rapidly as possible, and results from these institutions will be made known as rapidly as possible.

Farmers Interested in New Peanut Harvester

A large number of peanut growers attended a demonstration of a peanut digger and shaker, conducted by Mr. J. L. Knowles on the farm of W. B. Chesson, in the Pleasant Grove section of the county Friday afternoon of last week. The machine is owned by Mr. Chesson and was declared by many farmers to be a real labor-saving device, as it digs the peanuts and shakes them out at the same operation. Very few peas are left in the ground when the machines is used.

Columbia Legion Post To Entertain Ex-Service Men

The incoming and the retiring officers of the American Legion Post, 182 of Columbia, are planning an entertainment for all Legion members and ex-soldiers of Washington and Tyrrell counties there next Monday night, October 6, it was announced yesterday. A barbecue feast is being planned and all legion members and ex-soldiers are cordially invited to attend.

Several Local People Attend Showing of Electrical Robot

Several local people attended the showing of the electrical robot in Williamston last week. The exhibition was staged by the Virginia Electric and Power Company in the interest of their electric ranges. At the close of the demonstration, a number of prizes were given to holders of lucky numbers, Mrs. Floyd Cahoon, of this place, winning one of them.

Two Local Stores Closed Thursday Account Holiday

The Nelson Mercantile Company and the Hub stores here were closed yesterday in observance of the Jewish holiday, "Yom Kippur," the day of atonement.

Department Called Out by Small Blaze Wednesday

The fire department was called out about noon Wednesday when a small blaze in a pile of leaves on the vacant lot adjoining J. S. Brown's home, on Jefferson Street, alarmed nearby residents. The firemen responded promptly and the fire was put out without using any of the equipment. No damage was done.

45 PARCELS OF LAND SOLD AT TOWN TAX SALE HERE MONDAY

Land Sold by Town Tax Collector This Week Represents \$1,677.23 in Taxes; Town Buys in Practically All of Property Put on Block

A total of 45 tracts of land, representing \$1,677.23 in delinquent taxes, was sold at the courthouse door here Monday at noon for taxes due and unpaid to the Town of Plymouth for the year 1929. The sale was conducted by Chief of Police P. W. Brown, who is also tax collector for the town. Practically all of the property was bought in by the town, only a few individuals entering bids.

Of the 45 tracts, 13 were owned by white people, the property representing \$1,184.10 worth of taxes. The other

Says Farmers Must Form Organization

Sheriff Starts Final Tax Collecting Drive

Sheriff J. K. Reid is still collecting 1929 taxes, although he stated this week that he was beginning his final effort to close out the old tax books. The amount collected lately has been very small, the officer said, and just as soon as the new books are ready he will be called on to make his final settlement, which means that tax payments will have to be made within the next few weeks. He is asking that those who have not paid their 1929 taxes make every effort to do so within the next few days in order to save both him and the delinquents embarrassment.

COMMISSIONERS MEET MONDAY

County Boards To Hold Regular Sessions; Town Council Meets Friday

The town council will hold its regular meeting Friday night of this week, it was stated yesterday, with a number of important matters to be considered by the board. It is expected that the sale of the ice plant and the purchase of an electric pumping apparatus will be considered at the meeting, these matters having been postponed at the last meeting on account of other problems claiming the attention of members.

The board of county commissioners will hold its meeting next Monday at the courthouse, and the board of education is also scheduled to meet on the same day. Routine matters will probably be the main business at both of these gatherings.

Program of Services At Methodist Church

Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, Pastor
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. every Sunday.
Worship services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. every Sunday with the exception of the second Sunday, when the pastor preaches at the Jamesville Methodist Church.
Epworth League, every Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Kehukee Association To Be Held in Williamston

There are a number of Washington County members of the Primitive Baptist faith who are planning to attend the 165th annual session of the Kehukee Primitive Baptist Association, which will be held with the church at Skewarkey, near Williamston, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Extensive preparations have been made by the members of the Skewarkey Church to care for the visitors. Around 8,000 to 10,000 people are expected.

To Organize Sunday School at Chapel Hill

Announcement was made this week that the people of the Chapel Hill community would hold a meeting at the Charitable Brotherhood lodge hall Sunday afternoon to organize an interdenominational Sunday school. All the people of the community are invited to attend and bring their children to be enrolled. The meeting will begin at 3 p. m.

Mt. Pleasant B. Y. P. U. Announces Meet Sunday

The B. Y. P. U. of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church holds its regular meetings each Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend each meeting.

IS ONLY WAY TO GET HELP FROM FEDERAL BOARD

Farm Board Representative Talks To Leaf Growers At Meeting Friday

"You must organize if you expect help from the government," Washington County farmers were told last Friday morning by Col. Charles B. Rogan, representative of the Federal Farm Board, at a meeting held in the courthouse here to discuss the tobacco situation. County Agent R. E. Dunning was in charge of arrangements for the meeting, which was attended by about 25 farmers. Colonel Rogan was the main speaker of the occasion and was introduced by B. Troy Ferguson, district agent.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the farmers present practically unanimously favored holding of community educational meetings, the schedule for which will probably be announced next week. These gatherings will be conducted by the county agent and the vocational agriculture teachers of the county and will be for the purpose of explaining just what cooperative means to the farmer in securing help from the Federal Government. The vote was made in connection with organization plans formulated at a meeting held in Raleigh last Monday.

The 56 delegates representing the various tobacco growing counties and operating as the Tobacco Relief Association, Monday agreed on a contract, and while plans for their distribution have not been formulated at this time, it is understood the pledges will be put before the growers at community meeting to be held within the next few days.

The contract, calling for a 100 per cent sign-up by the members, will be placed before the growers at once, it was stated. One hundred thousand of the papers are being prepared at this time and will be eagerly read by the farmers. Even an outline of the contract is impossible here, but it was decided at the Raleigh meeting to make it of a dual nature, one affecting a reduction in acreage, the other for the sign-up of the crop. The success of the sign-up between now and the 15th of October will determine whether or not the remainder of the present crop will be affected by the cooperative movement.

Leland Kitchin, of Scotland Neck, declined to accept the leadership of the proposed organization, and in the absence of the Governor no appointment has been made up until now.

The by-laws of the proposed system should meet with hearty approval as they limit salaries and expenses to a minimum and call for operation along certain lines that will assure success once the movement is supported by the farmers.

In opening the meeting here last Friday Morning, Mr. Ferguson talked on farm methods and opportunities, emphasizing the fact that our farmers have far better opportunities than farmers have in almost any other part of the world. "We can grow a greater variety of crops than most sections, and time and experience have proven that no people can prosper when they raise money crops and buy food crops,"

CARRIER RUNS OVER SQUIRREL

Gets Affidavits From Eye-Witnesses That Game Was Killed Legally

G. K. Harris, rural carrier for route two out of Plymouth, last Saturday killed a squirrel in the Mill Pond section of the county, near Roper. Although the time for hunting squirrels has not yet arrived, according to law, Mr. Harris managed to kill this one without violating any regulation, and he secured an affidavit from two witnesses to the effect that he was not to blame for the rodent's death.

Mr. Harris was making his rounds, and while passing through a wooded tract, the squirrel, evidently tired of living anyhow, and without giving the carrier any warning, ran out and committed suicide by colliding with the front wheel of the carrier's car. As it happened, two men, G. V. Lewis, a former game warden, and Albert Garrett, were only about 30 or 40 feet away and saw the whole proceeding. Mr. Harris stopped and picked up the squirrel, and as he didn't want to run into any game warden and have to make a lengthy explanation of what he was doing with contraband game, he got the two witnesses to sign the affidavit that the killing was purely accidental. He brought the squirrel home with him and had a nice dish for supper that night.