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MANY WOMEN AT LEADERS SCHOOL HERE LAST WEEK

Was Last of Series Under Direction of Miss Mary E. Thomas

The last of a series of leaders' schools was held at the courthouse here last Friday, with Miss Mary E. Thomas, nutrition specialist, of Raleigh, in charge. There was an excellent representation of county home demonstration clubs at the meeting, which was declared to have been a great success by Miss Pratt Covington, home demonstration agent.

Miss Thomas gave a very comprehensive demonstration of invalid cookery. Attractive trays, showing the liquid, light, and convalescent diet were demonstrated. The specialist also discussed digestible foods and foods difficult to digest.

Miss Thomas stated that she was anxious to get the names of persons in this section who were suffering from pellagra, and urged each club member to aid her. In a discussion of pellagra, she said that powdered yeast, sweet or butter milk, lean meat, fresh meat juice, scraped beef, egg yolk, fresh or canned tomatoes should be the principal items of diet when the disease is actually present. She also said that foods that would prevent pellagra could also aid greatly in curing pellagra.

Miss Thomas has been assisting the home agent here for the past two years in the study of foods, and the club members of the county have had an excellent opportunity in this respect. Miss Thomas has been a teacher of good selection in some of the best colleges in the South, coming to North Carolina from Peabody College, Tennessee, where she was an instructor in foods. Her comments and demonstrations are appreciated by the club members in the county, as they realize that she is an authority on the subject of nutrition.

Mrs. George Bowen, of Plymouth, representing the clubs of the county, presented Miss Thomas with a very attractive gift as a token of appreciation for the many things she has taught the club women of the county during the past two years.

Club women present for the meeting Friday included Mesdames R. C. Heynon, W. B. Davenport, Tom Darden, G. Darden, Alexander, Hilda Robinson, Bryan Harris, Carl Heynon, Geo. Bowen, E. Rose, Charles Bowen, Cottie Bowen, J. E. Bowen, Will Swain, Eva Snell, John Singleton, R. B. Davenport, Peele, Crawford Spruill, W. B. Chesson, Clint Tarkington, Blanche Ange, John Sawyer, W. H. Harrison, Miss Marjorie Bowen, and Mrs. B. G. Campbell, of the Literary Club, Plymouth.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ORGANIZED

Sixty-Two Enrolled at First Session Held in Lodge Community

A Sunday school was organized Sunday afternoon at the Charitable Brotherhood lodge hall in the Chapel Hill district, with an initial enrollment of 62. Those responsible for the movement were pleased with the large attendance at the first session and hope to increase the enrollment greatly during the next few weeks.

The organization was perfected with the election of the following officers: J. E. Styrone, superintendent; Miss Ruth Satterthwaite, assistant superintendent; Miss Lena Belle Bateman, organist; Mrs. Rudolph Beasley, secretary; and Mr. Joe Styrone, treasurer.

Five classes were formed and literature has been ordered. The teachers of the classes are: Mrs. J. C. Beasley, Bible Class; Mrs. Cecil Alexander, Mrs. Cottie Bowen, Misses Tillie Styrone and Elizabeth Gurganus.

The Sunday school will be held in the lodge hall each Sunday afternoon at 2:30. It is an interdenominational organization, and all of the people of the community are invited to attend and join in the work.

Sale Staged by Nelsons Here Draws Big Crowd

The sale being staged by the Nelson Mercantile Co. here opened last Friday morning, with a large crowd of eager purchasers crowding the store to take advantage of the many bargains offered. Mr. M. Nelson, the proprietor, said early this week that it was one of the most successful sales events he had ever staged.

The sale was brought about by the decision of the firm members to liquidate their stock and go out of business in Plymouth. The Nelson Mercantile Co. has been in business here for several years and during that time has built up a large trade in this territory. Mr. Nelson said this week that no decision had yet been reached as to where the store would be located when they leave Plymouth.

Josiah W. Bailey to Speak Here Friday, October 24th

That the Democratic Party in Washington County is planning to wage an active campaign in this section was indicated this week when it was announced that Josiah William Bailey, of Raleigh, Democratic nominee for United States Senator, would speak in the courthouse here Friday night, October 24 at 8 p. m. Mr. Bailey has more than a State-wide reputation as an orator, and his appearance here will draw a packed auditorium, it is believed.

The senatorial nominee has been speaking at rallies all over the State, and has received enthusiastic receptions wherever he has been. Recognized as one of the leading orators of the South, his exposition of the issues of the campaign from the Democratic viewpoint has won him many friends, and the party leaders in Washington County consider themselves very fortunate in securing Mr. Bailey for this engagement.

The speaking here is expected to draw crowds not only from this county, but many from other sections will attend, and it is believed that a monster Democratic rally will be held here on the 24th.

County Commissioners Hold Regular Meet Here Monday; Routine Matters Disposed of

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Fire Drills Held At Schools This Week

Safety measures, in keeping with "Fire Prevention Week," have been adopted in the local schools with much success. In practice drills this week, the building was emptied in approximately 50 seconds, the several hundred pupils filing out of the high school building in an orderly manner.

The time required in clearing the building of all students is believed to rank with the best records established by any school in the State.

JURY LIST FOR OCTOBER TERM

One Week Term of Superior Court Begins Monday Week, October 20

The jury list for the October term of superior court, which begins here Monday week, October 20, was drawn by the county board of commissioners at their meeting the early part of last month. The term is for the trial of civil actions only, and will last but one week. Judge E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, will preside.

The jury list, by townships, follows: Plymouth: E. D. Kemp, R. W. Johnston, Wilbur Swain, Frank Sawyer, Clyde W. Owens, George W. Sitterson, Tom Clagon, W. T. Nurney, Douglas G. Stokes, A. S. Moore, W. W. Ange, Floyd C. Waters, and J. O. Everett.

Lees Mills: W. C. Spruill, F. C. Tarkenton, Alton Simonds, A. B. Davenport and Ralph Harrell.

Scuppernon: G. C. Craddock, H. D. Craddock, Aaron Clifton, G. R. Stillman and Paul T. Swain.

Skinner'sville: Hugh Patrick.

CLOSE REVIVAL AT OAK GROVE

Rev. W. F. Hollowell Brings Series of Meeting To End Sunday

Skinner'sville, Oct. 8.—The series of revival services which began at Oak Grove Church the fourth Sunday in September came to a close last Sunday night. Mrs. Will Patrick was received into the church as a member.

The pastor of the circuit, Rev. W. E. Hollowell, conducted the meeting and delivered some very helpful sermons. Mrs. Hollowell acted as pianist for the song services, which were very interesting, especially the program given by the juniors of the Sunday school. Thursday evening of last week a picnic supper was given in honor of the Edenton choir, which was to have rendered special music for the service. The leader of the choir, Mr. Jim Daniels, and the pastor's father, Mr. Hollowell, who lives near Edenton, were present, but the other members of the choir were not able to attend. Mr. Daniels gave a very pretty solo.

Local Firemen To Attend Meet in Ayden Tuesday

Chief L. W. Gurkin and about 10 or 12 members of the local volunteer fire department are planning to attend the quarterly meeting of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association, which will be held in Ayden next Tuesday night. The Ayden company is planning to spread a big "feed" for the visiting members of the association, and those going from here are anticipating a good time.

Little Girl Undergoes Operation For Tonsils

Mr. and Mrs. O. Henry Lyon carried their little daughter to Washington Wednesday, where she underwent an operation for the removal of her tonsils. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons returned with her late Wednesday.

FIREMEN MAKING INSPECTIONS OF PREMISES TODAY

Observing Fire Prevention Week; General Clean Up Urged by Chief

In a proclamation issued recently, this week was set aside as "Fire Prevention Week" this week was set aside by Governor O. Max Gardner, who called upon the people of the State generally to cooperate with firemen, school officials, and others in stressing the importance of guarding against fires. The members of the local volunteer fire company, under the direction of Chief Gurkin, have entered heartily into the work, getting out posters calling upon the people to clean up fire hazards and making inspections to reduce the possibility of fire.

Firemen are planning to inspect the premises of every business establishment in town today, beginning their work early this morning. Where dangerous conditions are found, owners of the property are to be ordered to remedy them within a short period. Practically every one has indicated a willingness to cooperate in reducing the chances of fire, and the firemen are advising a general clean up, particularly of cellars and attics, as well as back lots and other places where litter and rubbish accumulate.

Cold weather has brought out many coal and wood-burning heaters, and there are usually a large number of fires at this season caused by these stoves. These small fires are likely to develop into big ones, and for that reason fire prevention officials are urging that every precaution be taken.

In promoting fire prevention, school teachers, fire departments, and others have been requested to perform certain duties during the week. All the schools in the State were asked to hold fire drills at 11 o'clock Thursday morning, and the fire departments and other educational material for use during the week.

Governor Gardner's proclamation, among other things, pointed out that the State fire loss during the past eight years, had reached a total of \$49,882,816. However, the year 1929 showed a decrease under the preceding years, and was considerably smaller than the 8-year average. Two hundred and sixty-five people lost their lives by fire in North Carolina during 1929, it was pointed out, and probably more than twice that number suffered burns and injuries resulting from fires. "Our fire loss is still a disgrace to North Carolina," said the Governor, "and all of us should be alert to relieve our beloved State of it."

FIRST SHOWS AT STATE THEATRE PLEASES CROWD

Two Matinees To Be Given Each Saturday; Program For Coming Week

The State Theatre opened its doors to the public for the first time here Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, with a large crowd in attendance. The shows on Monday and Tuesday nights were also well attended, and the Messrs. Gordon, proprietors of the new undertaking, were optimistic over the outlook. Patrons were well pleased with the performances, many of them declaring the sound to be the best they had ever heard.

The Messrs. Gordon are looking an excellent line of pictures, and are promising their patrons every consideration to be found in theatres in the larger towns. Matinees will be run every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 4 o'clock, and on Saturday afternoons two complete programs will be given, the first at 2 and another at 4. Two showings are made each night, the first beginning at 7, and followed by one at 9 o'clock.

Tonight and tomorrow, (Friday and Saturday) "Queen High," the ace of motion picture fun is being shown. This picture, which is one of the latest made by Paramount, is characterized by fast fun and catchy music, with laughs galore.

Next week's production starts off big with "The Spoilers," booked for Monday and Tuesday. This classic of adventure romances is taken from the famous novel by Rex Beach and is produced with a cast of stars that includes Gary Cooper, Kay Johnson, Betty Compson, Slim Sumner, and others. The usual matinees will be run on Tuesday.

Wednesday and Thursday, Cyril Maude, the celebrated international star, will be seen in his world-famous comedy success, "Grumpy." One foot in the grave, that's what they said of Grumpy. But watch him wake up when a young slicker tries to steal a \$40,000 diamond and Grumpy's pretty grand-daughter. Millions have seen the stage production, and it is indicated that even greater numbers will see the all-talking Paramount picture.

In addition to the main features, the State Theatre program includes a well-balanced group of short subjects that will be shown each day.

TO COLLECT OR FORECLOSE ON CERTIFICATES

Land Sale Certificates for Years Through 1928 Put In Hands of Attorney

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SEVERAL FIRES IN PAST WEEK

All Small, and No Damage Reported; False Alarm Last Saturday

The season for fire alarms seems to have arrived in full force in Plymouth. Following the small fire Wednesday of last week, two more alarms were recorded here Saturday. The first, at 4:10 a. m., turned out to be a false alarm, sent in by some one with a perverted sense of humor. Although it was real chilly that early in the morning, members of the company turned out promptly and had the big truck rolling exactly 4 minutes after the alarm was sounded.

The second alarm Saturday was caused by a grass fire on the lot just opposite the old Tydol oil tanks, on Brinkley Avenue, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The firemen responded promptly and extinguished the blaze with the use of a little water from the hooster tank on the big truck. No damage was reported.

Smoke from forest fires has filled the air practically all over Eastern North Carolina for the past few weeks. At times the smoke is so dense that it is dangerous to drive a car, and there were two or three accidents occurring this week that were blamed on this cause. The long period of dry weather has dried out everything in the woods, and if a blaze once gets a start, it is hard to bring under control. As a matter of fact, there is little effort being made to stop the destruction, and many thousands of dollars' worth of valuable timber has gone up in smoke in this immediate section recently.

ASKS DONATIONS OF OLD CLOTHES

Creswell School Principal Urges Aid for Needy Families

H. L. Swain, principal of the Creswell schools, this week requested the cooperation of the patrons of the school district in solving the problem of getting every child in school that is of age. He stated that there were several families in the section who were not able to send their children because of the lack of clothing and other necessities.

Mr. Swain is asking for donations of clothing to be used in the needy cases of the community. He said that there were probably a number of people who had clothing for which they had no further use and that these articles would prove a real blessing to several families in the district. Those having clothing or any other donations to this cause are asked to send their bundles to the principal's office, and every effort will be made to give immediate aid to the families which are in need.

Local School Board Has Meeting Monday

The board of trustees of the Plymouth City Schools held its regular meeting Monday night of this week in Dr. T. L. Bray's office. Little business of importance was transacted, routine matter occupying most of the board's time. P. H. Darden, chairman, presided. Other members are O. H. Lyon, J. S. Norman, Dr. T. L. Bray, E. V. Clayton, E. H. Liverman and R. G. Hardison.

Democratic Executive Committee Holds Meet

Members of the Democratic Executive Committee of Washington County held a meeting here Thursday of last week, and it was decided to begin an intensive campaign in the county before the general election on November 4th. Speechings will be held in every section of the county at which the issues of the campaign will be discussed by able partisans. The nominees for the various county offices are expected to make a tour of the county on the 10th, next Tuesday, as the opening gun in the campaign. Dates of meetings in the various parts of the county will be announced later, officials said.

Three Cases Contagious Diseases in September

Only three cases of contagious diseases were reported in Washington county during the month of September, according to Dr. W. H. Ward, quarantine officer. Two cases of chickenpox were reported among negroes, while the only white case was typhoid fever.

Dr. Ward reported the following cases: Jolly Brown, of Plymouth, typhoid fever; Hannah S. Knight and Cleveland Lanier, both colored, of Plymouth, chicken pox.

Tobacco Growers To Meet Again Today

CONTRACT TO BE EXPLAINED AND CAMPAIGN BEGUN

Township Committees Will Also Be Named at Session Here This Morning

Tobacco growers of Washington County will hold another meeting in the courthouse here this morning (Friday), at 11 o'clock, when it is expected that the first actual steps leading to the formation of a tobacco growers' association will be taken in this section. The meeting was called by County Agent R. E. Dunning, who will be in charge, and who will explain the details of the contract to be offered to the tobacco growers. A large crowd of farmers is expected to attend.

County Agent Dunning attended the meeting held in Raleigh Monday, when all agents in the tobacco-growing counties were called in and given the information that they will pass on to the farmers in their respective sections. Mr. Collins, of the Federal Farm Board, was the principal speaker at the Raleigh meeting, and he outlined to the agents just what had to be done in the way of organizing before the Farm Board could be of any help.

At the meeting this morning, the principal business will be the reading and discussing of the contract, after which township committees of three farmers each will be elected, the chairman of which are to serve on the county committees. Township meetings will be held afterwards, and an active sign-up campaign commenced. J. C. Swain, of Roper, is the Washington County member of the State organization committee.

Final Decision October 15th

The contract provides that a final decision as to operations in 1930 shall be made on October 15, but the contracts are to remain open until May 1, 1931, when a decision is to be made as to that year. George R. Ross, personal representative of Governor Gardner, has called the executive committee of the organization committee to meet in Raleigh on October 14 to make a decision as to this year's crop.

The Federal Farm Board has indicated its willingness to support any association strong enough to give reasonable expectation of success that may be formed, even if for a restricted area. The indications are that any associations which will be formed this year will be for restricted areas, owing to the lateness of the season.

Several sections have shown much greater interest than others and most hope for success is felt for that part of the "Old Belt" centering around Surry and Stokes Counties.

There has been also great interest in Greene, Duplin, and in other counties of the Eastern Carolina belt, and in particularly all of the "border counties" which grow the South Carolina type of tobacco. However, in these counties much of the tobacco has already been marketed and much more is heavily mortgaged, conditions which obtain to a far lesser extent in the Old Belt, where warehouses have just opened and where mortgages are not so general.

AGENT'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

1,000 School Children Weighed During Month

That Miss Pratt Covington, Washington County's home demonstration agent had a busy time during September is evidenced by the fact that her report to the county board of commissioners, in meeting here Monday, shows a total of 1,100 miles traveled, 1,000 school children weighed, 111 letters written and 20 homes visited. She also had 32 office callers and conducted her usual number of club meetings, besides looking after the cur market and engaging in other activities.

The narrative portion of Miss Covington's report for September, as submitted to the commissioners, follows: "During the month the school lunch was studied in the clubs. Considerable interest was shown, and several visits to the schools were made to observe conditions there. Each mother was asked to tell just the kind of lunch she prepared for her children and in this way some valuable sandwich recipes were obtained.

"The women were especially urged to give their children as well a balanced lunch as possible—a lunch that would meet all the body needs. Each need of the body was stressed, and a model lunch was prepared and compared with a very poor lunch which generally consists of a baked potato, two biscuits and sausage or meat of some kind.

"All the school children in the Roper High School and all the children through the seventh grade in the Plymouth High School were weighed during the month. The Creswell and Cherry children will be weighed Friday, October 10. Two hundred and twenty-eight children were found to be underweight in the Roper School.

"The Garden contest ended October 1, and the contestants have sent in some splendid reports. A steam pressure cooker will be given the contestant reporting the best garden at the Federation meeting in Creswell, October 24.

"The curb market has done especially well during the month of September. Sales to date total \$6,909.05. On November 16, the market will be one year old.

"During the month a group of interested members went with the home agent before the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and the town council asking for an ordinance protecting the curb market during marketing hours. This ordinance was passed, and the people selling on the curb market were highly pleased with this movement."

Knapp's Letter

Whether or not sufficient tobacco is secured by October 15, the campaign for membership in the two proposed marketing associations should be prosecuted vigorously during the few days remaining before that date, since the more signatures secured now the greater will be the certainty that the new machine will begin to function smoothly in 1931, said Dr. J. G. Knapp, agricultural economist at State College, and acting secretary for the State organization committee, in a letter this week to county and community organization workers and county farm agents and vocational teachers.

Dr. Knapp said that a handbook giving information useful in organization work is now going to press but will not be available by the 15th. However, workers should emphasize a few fundamental facts. The contract, said Dr. Knapp, provides for an annual withdrawal privilege. The association does not want dissatisfied members, since they are liabilities rather than assets. The contract has been prepared by government and State experts in behalf of the tobacco growers and not in behalf of some one else.

Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Miss Pratt Covington, county home demonstration agent, yesterday announced her schedule for the week beginning October 13, as follows:

Monday, Scuppernon; Tuesday, Mackses; Wednesday, Albemarle; Thursday, Alba; Friday, Wena; Saturday, curb market.

Programs of Services At Episcopal Churches

Grace Episcopal Church—Rev. Arthur H. Marshall, rector. Mr. Frith Winslow, Sunday school superintendent. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30. The change in the time of service this week is due to the Bishop's visitation in the other fields of this charge.

St. Luke's Church—Roper Sunday school at 10 a. m. Holy Communion and sermon at 11 a. m.

Local Christian Church Board Holds Meeting

The board of deacons of the local Christian Church held its regular meeting Monday night of this week at the church. While only minor matters were scheduled to come before the meeting, it was well attended by members.