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COUNTY PEANUT GROWERS HOLD MEET AT ROPER

County Cooperative Association May Be Formed; Other Meets Arranged

Twenty-five or thirty Washington County peanut growers gathered in the schoolhouse at Roper Tuesday night of this week to hear Mr. Sheffield, of the State Division of Markets, Raleigh, describe the type of organization being formed in several of the Eastern Carolina peanut-growing counties this year. The meeting was called by County Agent R. E. Dunning, who presided.

The type of association described by Mr. Sheffield is purely a county affair, and it has no connection in any way with any of the other organizations now operating in other sections. The growers participating sign a contract, agreeing to deliver their peanuts to the association representative. The peanuts are graded, weighed, and stored by the representative and are sold at any time the grower elects. The small selling cost is the only charge made against the peanuts.

After a predetermined number of bags are signed up, the growers get together and select a man to look after the peanuts delivered, and it is this man's duty to look after the interests of the farmers in every way possible, keeping them informed of the state of the market, prices, etc. Then when the grower orders it, the representative sells the peanuts at the best price obtainable, deducts the amount of the selling cost, which usually does not amount to much, and forwards the grower the check.

Mr. Sheffield described the advantages of the proposition, and it was agreed by the growers present that meetings should be held throughout the county in order that all the growers might be informed of the plan of organization. To that end, Mr. Sheffield agreed to attend meetings at the following places:

Creswell, in the school auditorium, Monday night, October 27; Roper, Tuesday night, October 28, in school auditorium; Plymouth in courthouse, Wednesday, October 29.

County Agent Dunning is urging all Washington County farmers who raise peanuts to attend one of these meetings and hear the plans outlined. An organization has already been formed in Chowan county to handle peanuts of this year's crop, and several Virginia counties tried the plan out last year and had very favorable results.

Fall Festival Planned At School in Creswell

The students and faculty of the Creswell School are making great preparations for a Fall Festival, to be held Thursday night, October 30th, at the school building. A splendid program is being prepared appropriate to the fall and Halloween. A small admission fee will be charged, the proceeds of which will be used to pay for the boys' football equipment.

The seniors have charge of a salad supper and other attractions for the evening. Halloween costumes will be carried out in their costumes, and they are making every effort to make the evening pleasant and profitable for every one.

Will Try To Organize Night Class in Math

Principal E. H. Hicks, of the city schools, announced yesterday that another effort would be made next Monday night to organize a class for instruction in mathematics, as outlined a few weeks ago. At the first meeting there were not enough enrolling to justify holding the class, which will be held at night for the benefit of those who have to work during the day. Mr. Hicks said that if 10 could be enrolled, a teacher would be furnished, and the work would begin immediately.

If organized, the class will be held each night during the week, except Saturday, from 7:30 to 8:30 during the remainder of the school term. Tuition for the term is \$5, and it is hoped that sufficient numbers will be on hand Monday night at 7:30 to complete the organization.

School of Porpoises Is Seen in Sound Recently

Not only has the Roanoke River changed its color on account of the extreme drought this summer, but Albemarle Sound is also now almost as blue as the Atlantic Ocean, instead of its customary yellowish hue. An unusual circumstance in this connection was reported this week by a bridge tender at Mackeys, who saw a school of porpoises in the Sound, and one even ascended the waters of Mackeys Creek. This is the first time that the big playboys of the salt water regions have ever been seen in the sound, according to a number of fishermen. The water in the sound is now very brackish, and several species of salt water fish have been reported in the river and sound.

County Federation To Meet At Creswell This Afternoon

Home demonstration club women of the county are moving on to Creswell this afternoon, where the county federation meeting is to be held, starting at 2:30. Preparations have been made to care for a large crowd, and it is believed that at least 300 or 400 women will be present, as well as a number of men.

Several additions have been made to the program as announced last week, including a violin solo by Mrs. R. T. Hopkins, with the chorus to be rendered by Mes-

sames J. N. Starr, Sidney Smitherson, A. L. Holmes, and A. C. Harris. Another added feature will be a selection by a male trio, consisting of Messrs. R. L. Litchfield, C. H. Rabon, and W. H. Winstead, all of Creswell.

Interest in the meeting, however, probably centers around the various awards to be made during the afternoon. In addition to announcing the winner of the garden contest, the club reporting the most outstanding work of the year will receive the silver cup awarded annually for this feature.

PEANUT GRADER VISITS GROWERS

Government Grader Service Will Be Available To County Farmers

Announcement was made yesterday by County Agent R. E. Dunning that the services of a government peanut grader were available to the peanut growers of Washington county this year.

The government grader, Mr. O. N. Henley, who is located at Williamston, was in the county with Mr. Dunning Tuesday of this week, and together they visited a number of prominent farmers in the county, explaining the service and it could be secured.

Mr. Dunning said that those farmers desiring to have their peanuts graded could do so by getting in touch with either him or Mr. Henley. When the grading service is requested, the grader goes to the farm where the peanuts are, takes a sample from several bags, probably four or five, and then from these he makes up what is known as a composite sample. This sample is then graded, and the grower is furnished a certificate of grade, signed by the government representative.

In selling the peanuts, this grade certificate is used as a guide by both the buyer and seller as to the value of the peanuts, and it enables the grower to take now approximately what his product is worth when he goes to sell it.

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Miss Covington is planning to spend Monday in Tarboro arranging the exhibit, and the members of the clubs expect to win a number of prizes with the display. Last year a number of premiums were awarded the Washington county exhibit, and the one this year is to be better than that according to Miss Covington.

It is also planned to take the same displays to other fairs in this section during the season.

Few Cases Disposed Of So Far in Superior Court

The one-week term of Washington Superior Court began here Monday morning with Judge E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, presiding. Very few cases had been disposed of up to Wednesday night, although several had been settled by agreement. Complete report of the proceedings will be made next week.

Small Fire Late Monday Is Quickly Extinguished

There was a small fire at the home of Mr. W. A. Davidson Monday afternoon about six o'clock, which brought out the fire company. The main trouble was a flue burning out, although a few of the shingles on the roof did catch. The blaze was extinguished without any damage being done, according to Fire Chief Gurkin.

Turning in False Fire Alarm Offer \$25 Reward for Person

Members of the town council have indicated that at their next meeting they will pass an order authorizing a reward of \$25 for the arrest and conviction of any person for turning in a false fire alarm. Several members of the local fire department were at the city hall last Friday night to appear before the council and ask that the reward be offered. Although no meeting was held at that time, enough members of the council have said they favored the measure to assure its passage at their next meeting.

CURB MARKET WILL BE HELD ONLY ON SATURDAYS OF EACH WEEK THROUGH THIS WINTER

Beginning Saturday, Market Will Be Held in Basement Of Courthouse While Cold Weather Prevails; Attractive Place Arranged

Miss Pratt Covington, the county home demonstration agent, who has charge of the curb market here, yesterday announced that, effective immediately, the market would be held only on Saturday of each week. Heretofore, two days, Tuesdays and Saturdays were set aside as curb market days.

The homeagent explained that this action was taken because of the fact that the volume of sales on Tuesdays had dwindled to the point where there was little to be gained by devoting two morning each week to the market. This will also mean that hucksters can sell their wares on the streets at any time on Tuesdays, instead of being required to wait until 9:30, as for-

SERIES SERVICES WELL-ATTENDED

Rev. J. M. Ormond Conducting Meeting at Local Methodist Church

The series of services being conducted this week by Rev. J. M. Ormond, of Duke University, at the local Methodist church, are being well attended, it was said yesterday by Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, pastor of the church. The sermons have been well received by the congregations, and Mr. Edwards said it was felt that much good was being accomplished.

Larger crowds are expected during the remainder of the meeting, according to the pastor, who has extended a cordial welcome to the people of all denominations. The revival will continue through Sunday night, with both morning and evening services on the closing day.

COUNTY EXHIBIT AT TARBORO FAIR

Home Agent To Have Club Exhibit at Event Next Week

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Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Miss Pratt Covington, home demonstration agent, yesterday announced her schedule for the coming week, as follows:

Monday, October 27, at Tarboro fair; Tuesday, October 28, at Piney Grove; Wednesday, October 29, at Beech Grove; Thursday, 30th, district federation meeting at Williamston; Friday, Tarboro Fair; Saturday, curb market.

Tenant Loses Belongings In Fire Sunday Near Roper

Lindsay Phelps, a tenant on the Leon Bray farm in the Mill Pond section of the county near Roper, lost all of his household belongings, as well as his farming implements and what crops he had harvested Sunday night, when fire completely swept the place. The house, barns, and storage houses were all completely destroyed, and there was no insurance. The cause of the blaze is not known.

Roanoke Fair Premium List in This Newspaper

Washington county patrons of the Roanoke fair at Williamston, last week heard with a great deal of interest the announcement that the fair would be held this year. It had been previously stated that there would be no fair there this year. Quite a number of premiums are won annually by the people of this section at that showing, and it is understood that Miss Covington is planning to take her county exhibit to it.

The premium list, instead of being published in book form this year, is being run as a newspaper advertisement. It appears in this issue of the Beacon and will probably be read with much interest in the county.

District Federation Meet At Williamston Thursday

Miss Covington, the county home demonstration agent, is urging all the members of home demonstration clubs in this county who can possibly do so to attend the district deferation meeting to be held in Williamston on Thursday of next week, October 30. Clubs from seven eastern counties will be represented at the meeting, which is scheduled to be held at 10 a. m., in the woman's club rooms there.

Mrs. Ida Brickhouse



Mrs. Brickhouse died at her home near Mackeys Wednesday night of last week after an extended illness. She had long been an active worker in the home demonstration clubs and had held practically every office connected with the work, both in the county and district.

ATTENDANCE IN LOCAL SCHOOL HOLDS UP WELL

Ranges From 90 to 93 Per Cent; Average in County Is Much Lower

The average daily attendance in the Plymouth schools is holding up remarkably well in comparison with some of the other schools in the county, according to Principal E. H. Hicks. The percentage of children in average daily attendance here has ranged from 90 to 93 per cent, with a total enrollment of 617, and is regarded as exceptionally good at this season of the year.

The principal here is offering, as a special inducement, to the class with the highest percentage in average daily attendance each month a half holiday, excusing the members of the winning room at 1:45 on the last Friday afternoon of the month. This plan was put into operation this week, and the students are working hard for that half holiday.

County Superintendent J. W. Norman said Wednesday that the attendance as a whole in the county was not very satisfactory at this time, although it is expected to improve later. Many people are keeping their children out of school to help in harvesting crops and this is playing havoc with average daily attendance records.

"Absences are the principal cause of failure to make grades," Mr. Norman said, "and last year the value of teaching time lost by reason of these failures cost the taxpayers of Washington county more than \$39,000." This amount was arrived at by figuring the number of failures in the county and estimating the cost of teaching that number for a year, as it really means a year's work lost, the superintendent pointed out. He is appealing to the people of the county to send their children to the schools whenever it is possible.

Local School Uses Radio In Connection With Work

A new use for the radio at least in Plymouth was found recently by school authorities here. All grades in the grammar school, from the third to the seventh grade, are now "listening in" every other Friday morning on concerts being broadcast by Walter Damrosch's New York Symphony Orchestra, the broadcasts being utilized here as a part of the pupils' course in music appreciation. A radio has been installed in the auditorium of the school, and after the concert tests are given to determine which of the grades are getting the most from the broadcasts.

FUNERAL IS HELD FRIDAY FOR MRS. IDA BRICKHOUSE

Died At Her Home Near Mackeys Wednesday Of Last Week

Mrs. Ida Swain Brickhouse, one of the county's most beloved women, died at her home near Mackeys at 9:35 p. m. Wednesday of last week. She had been in feeble health since early in the spring; and the sudden death of her brother, Jack, who was killed in an accident in Ohio on August 29, brought about a nervous breakdown from which she never recovered.

Mrs. Brickhouse was very active in all phases church and civic activities in her community, and was particularly interested in the various phases of home club work in the county. In addition to serving as president of her home club, the Albemarle, Mrs. Brickhouse had been president of the county council, county deferation, and was at one time district chairman of home demonstration clubs of the 15th district, which embraces seven Eastern Carolina counties. She was one only woman in Washington County to be designed as a Master Homemaker, that title having been conferred upon her by the State Farm and Convention.

Besides her club work, Mrs. Brickhouse was superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school near her home and also taught a class. In political affairs, she was a loyal Democrat, and was a candidate for the office of register of deeds in the primary held last spring.

Her husband late Henry Brickhouse died October 16, 1918 just one day less than 12 years before Mrs. Brickhouse. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Stock Swain; three sisters, Mrs. Lelah Styron, of New York; Mrs. E. M. Grandy, of Preque Isle, Maine; Mrs. George Spearman of Plattsburg, N. Y.; six brothers, George S. Swain, of Suffolk, Va.; Robert Swain, of Kingstree, S. C.; W. W. Swain of Washington; J. C. Swain, of Skimmersville; Thomas J. and Edison Swain, of Plymouth.

The funeral service was held Friday afternoon of last week in Oak Grove Baptist Church, of which she had been a very active and consistent member; with the pastor, Rev. Mr. Hollowell, conducting the ceremony. He was assisted by Revs. R. H. Lucas, of Belhaven, and J. R. Cantrell, of Plymouth. The remains were taken to Edenton for interment immediately after the funeral service. She was laid to rest in the family plot beside the graves of her husband, her young son, and her brother, Jack. Rev. E. L. Wells of the Edenton Baptist Church, assisted her pastor with the service at the grave.

Miss Pratt Covington, county home demonstration agent of Washington County, said yesterday that at the annual deferation meeting in Creswell Friday, a portion of the program would be given over to a memorial service in honor of Mrs. Brickhouse. She was an indefatigable worker for the home demonstration clubs, and her presence will be greatly missed at the annual gathering this year.

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GOODYEAR DIRIGIBLE MAY COME TO PLYMOUTH AROUND FIRST OF MONTH; TAKES UP PASSENGERS

T. A. Stubbs Says "Blimp" Will Be Brought Here If Certain Number of Tickets for Rides Are Sold; Ship Has Every Safety Device

T. A. Stubbs, proprietor of the Central Garage and local dealer for Goodyear tires, said yesterday that there was a possibility that one of the fleet of Goodyear dirigibles would be sent to Plymouth around the first of November. The big airships are used by the Goodyear company as a part of sent to various towns where they have dealers to advertise their products.

Where or not the "blimp" will be sent here is dependent upon the number of tickets for rides on the ship sold by the local Goodyear dealer. Mr. Stubbs said that he had already disposed of 12, although he had not had much time to give the project. He hopes to sell the required number to bring the ship here, giving many people in the sec-

Considering Sale of Municipal Ice Plant

Bailey Speaks Here Tonight at 8 O'clock

Much interest has been displayed by the people of the county in the announcement that Josiah William Bailey, Democratic nominee for the United States Senate, would speak in the courthouse here tonight. The capacity of the court room is expected to be taxed to hold those who are planning to attend from all over the county. The speaking tonight will open the campaign for the Democrats in the county, and there are several speeches scheduled in various communities during the coming week.

12 MAGISTRATES TO BE ELECTED

Three for Each of the Four Townships; No Contests In Two Districts

Washington County voters will elect 12 justices of the peace at the election November 4th, three from each of the four townships. The Democratic nominees are unopposed in two of the townships, Skimmersville and Scuppernon, while there is a full slate for both parties in Plymouth and Lees Mill Townships.

The names of the candidates for justices of the peace will be printed on the county ballot and voted on by people of the whole county, instead of by townships, as in some counties.

The list of candidates follows: Plymouth Township: Democrats, W. F. Aushon, G. W. Waters, and J. T. McNair. Republicans: Gabe Ange, Willis Robertson, and John T. Browning.

Lees Mill Township: Democrats, R. W. Lewis, W. A. Swain, and W. O. Norman. Republicans: T. R. Trueblood, J. T. Ange, and J. L. McAllister. Skimmersville Township: Democrats, J. C. Swain, C. L. Everet, and M. F. Davenport. No Republican opposition. Scuppernon: T. F. Davenport, J. C. Gatlin, and J. E. Snell. No Republican opposition.

Number Voters Registered In Skimmersville Township

Mr. C. V. White, registrar for Skimmersville township, has had a large number of people to register since the books opened a couple of weeks ago, and several transfers have also been given for Creswell and Lees Mills township. Three names have been removed from the books since the June primary on account of deaths.

The other county registrars are reporting few additions to the books, which will be closed October 25th. All who have not registered by that time will not be eligible to vote in the election November 4. Those who have registered for previous elections will not be required to register again for the general election.

Program of Services At Christian Church

Conley Greer, minister. Bible school, 9:45 a. m. John Darden, superintendent. Sermon, 11 a. m. Subject, "Keeping House for God." Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Dot Greer, president. The program will be in charge of Group No. 4.

BID IS RECEIVED AT SPECIAL MEET HELD TUESDAY

\$2,000 Offered for Good Will And Ice Cans by Norfolk Man, A. C. Langley

The minutes of a meeting of the town council held Tuesday afternoon show that the council entered into an agreement with A. C. Langley, of Norfolk, whereby Mr. Langley agrees to purchase the good will and ice cans of the town's ice plant on or before January 1, 1931, for the sum of \$2,000. However, there are at least two members of the council attending the meeting who thought that the deal had been called off at an executive session held shortly after the vote on the sale was taken.

The special meeting was called Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of considering Mr. Langley's bid. Only four members of the council were present, H. A. Williford, Edward L. Owens, B. G. Campbell and G. T. Davis. Harry Stell, mayor pro tem, presided. The proposition as voted on was for Mr. Langley to pay \$500 now and the balance of the purchase price by January 1. None of the equipment, except the ice cans, was included in the sale, Mr. Langley explaining that he was only buying principally to secure the good will of the town's ice business.

Mr. Langley came to Plymouth Monday to make an offer for the business here, and a special meeting of the council was held that afternoon to consider his bid. However, the members were expecting another bid to be entered, and they postponed any action on the proposal until Tuesday afternoon, when another meeting was held. At the latter meeting, the other bid having failed to materialize, the councilmen discussed the various phases of the sale at some length, and then agreed to sell, the terms being \$500 cash, and the balance by January 1st.

Mr. Langley agreed, if the town received a higher bid for the business before January 1st, to relinquish his claim upon the return of his cash payment. Members of the council were at first of the opinion that the sale would have to be ratified by a vote of the people, but Judge Vance Norman, city attorney, told them that since no franchise rights were granted by the sale the council could proceed with the deal without putting the matter to an election.

The members of the council thereupon voted in favor of the proposal of Mr. Langley. Of the four members present, Councilmen Williford, Davis and Campbell voted in favor of the motion to sell, while Councilman Owens was recorded on the minutes as not voting. Harry Stell, mayor pro tem, presided over the meeting.

Immediately after the vote was taken, one of the members of the council left, while the others went into executive session. However, as there were only three present, not a quorum, there is no record of any official transaction taking place. Two members later said they understood that the deal was called off and Mr. Langley returned his \$500 check. The city clerk, however, says the check has been deposited to the credit of the town, and he and the other two members of the council believe the deal stands as recorded in the minutes. It is probable that another meeting will be held in a few days to get the matter straightened out.

Mr. Langley, who is a native of the county, having been born and reared near Creswell, stated after the meeting Tuesday afternoon that if the deal goes through he would hardly be prepared to begin business before early next year. He said that he had not definitely made any plans as to the equipment to be installed, although he considered it probable that a 20-ton plant would more than care for the needs of the section. The present plant operated by the town has a capacity of only 12 tons daily. Mr. Langley plans to serve other towns in the county, particularly in the lower end, and also indicated that he would handle coal and wood in connection with the ice business here.

Mr. Langley's proposition makes it probable that there will be two ice plants under construction here within the next few months, as A. J. Riddle last week announced that he was planning to build and install equipment for a 20-ton outfit by the time the spring fishing season opens. Mr. Riddle did not submit a bid for the town's outfit, and his plans are entirely independent of whatever disposition is made of the municipal plant.