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AGENT RETURNS FROM MEETING HELD IN RALEIGH

Plans for Year's Work Are Outlined; Urge Reducing Acreage to Cash Crops

County Farm Demonstration Agent R. E. Dunning returned Saturday from the agents' conference held in Raleigh last week, and is making plans for another year's work in Washington County along the lines suggested by the agricultural experts in attendance at the State meeting. Mr. Dunning stated that the economics of farming and the outlook for next year was the general theme of practically all of the discussions, studies, and speeches before the conference.

The agent said that particular emphasis was placed on the need to reduce the acreage to cotton and tobacco. The agents not only heard of the world economics situation from one of the nation's leading experts, Dr. L. H. Bean, of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Washington, but they also heard of the need for readjustment from Governor Max Gardner and from representatives of the Federal Farm Board and State College experts.

One of the new ideas in the live-at-home program was voiced by President E. C. Brooks, of State College, when he said that the cost of maintaining the huge army of persons who live by exchanging or dealing in farm commodities had grown so great that for them to live meant for agriculture to die. The agents were urged to help their farmers in growing less of the things which must be sold or exchanged for cash and to reduce the cost of this exchange by cooperation in buying and selling. Further development of curb and local markets was also suggested.

Mr. Dunning stated that he planned to continue his efforts next year in having Washington County farmers increase their dairy cattle and poultry production. There is a creamery located in Tarboro now, and the County farmers could materially increase their income by shipping milk there. At present the price is too low to justify the trial of the idea.

In this connection, Mr. Dunning said that one of the best speeches at the conference was made by W. F. Schilling, dairy representative on the Federal Farm Board. The speaker told a graphic story of the dairy development in southern Minnesota, and gave facts about the 642 cooperative creameries of that section to show how the owners and producers make money through growing and milking cows.

SCHOOLS BEGIN HOLIDAY TODAY

Plymouth School Reopens December 31; Others in County Begin Jan. 1

Pupils of the local schools are going to their lessons with light hearts this morning, for it is the last day of school for 10 whole glorious care-free days. The schools close for the Christmas holidays this afternoon and will not reopen until Wednesday morning, December 31st. Other schools in the county are closing today, also, but they will not reopen until Thursday, January 1st.

The reason for the one-day difference in the date for taking up work again was explained by Principal Hicks as caused by the fact that the local school had a two-day holiday at Thanksgiving and also an extra day last Friday when the teachers went to Washington for observation work. The other schools in the county did not get these extra days, and hence do not have to make them up.

Cotillion Club To Give Dance Friday, Dec 26th

The Plymouth Cotillion Club will give its annual Christmas Dance Friday night, December 26, in the Hampton Building on Water Street. Arrangements for the event are being made by Messrs. Clyde Cahoon, Buster Adler, and Percy M. Arps. A large number of invitations have been issued, and it is expected that a good-sized crowd will be here from a number of the surrounding towns, in addition to the club members.

Methodists Will Have Christmas Music Sunday

Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, pastor of the local Methodist church, yesterday announced that there would be special Christmas music at both the morning and evening hours Sunday at that church. There will also be a special Christmas sermon at the morning service. Sunday school at the usual hour. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Collection of County Taxes Is Progressing Very Slowly

"Mighty slow," was Sheriff Reid's answer to a query yesterday as to how tax collections were progressing in the county. Outside of a few large corporations only a small percentage of the tax payers have made settlement so far. The total early this week was about \$43,000, of which the Norfolk-Southern Railroad alone paid approximately \$32,000. The slowness of taxpayers to respond is causing the county some embarrassment in meeting current obligations, and a special meeting of the county board of commissioners was held yesterday to consider the matter. It was thought probable that the board would order the issuance of tax anticipa-

tion notes to tide over the present situation.

While the collection of this year's taxes has been very slow, the county attorney, Jerry Sawyer, and County accountant, J. C. Gatlin have been having fairly good luck in collecting 1928 and 1929 taxes. While the amount is not so large, it represents a good percentage of the outstanding delinquent tax accounts. Mr. Gatlin said Wednesday that so far he had collected a total of \$3,353.74 on the 1928-29 accounts, and while the county attorney did not have actual figures available, he said that his collections of the 1928 taxes had been fairly good, considering conditions.

Pension Checks for Veterans And Widows of Confederate Soldiers in County Received

NOW IN HANDS OF CLERK OF COURT, TOTAL IS \$732.50

Nine Checks Are Received; Seven Are for Widows Of Veterans

Pension checks totaling \$732.50, to be distributed among nine veterans of the Civil War or widows of veterans, in Washington County, were received this week by C. V. W. Aushon, clerk of the superior court. Mr. Aushon said yesterday that as a rule the beneficiaries of the pensions were prompt in claiming their checks, but only one of the lot received this week has been delivered so far. However it is expected that with this announcement all of the checks will be claimed by the end of the week.

The amounts of the checks range from \$50 to \$182.50, depending on the classification of the pensioner. Payments are made twice yearly, about the 15th of April and December, and the checks now in the clerk's office represent one-half of the yearly amount paid by the State to the veterans and widows.

Washington County has only one living man who actually fought in the Confederate Army, Elder Newsome H. Harrison, who was a member of Company H of the Tenth North Carolina Regiment. He is listed as a "Class A" soldier on the pension roll, which entitles him to \$365 yearly.

There is only one other living person who was a member of the Confederate Army, and he is not listed as a soldier. That is Charles Horton, colored, of Plymouth, listed as the body servant of Major H. G. Lewis. He is rated as class "B" and receives a yearly pension of \$200.

There are six "Class B" widows, each of whom receives a pension of \$100 annually. They are Mrs. Ida S. Bateman, widow of J. I. Bateman, of Creswell, member of Company G of the Seventeenth Regiment; Mrs. Basha Cannon, of Roper, widow of R. Cannon, of Company B, Third Regiment; Mrs. Mary V. Darden, of Plymouth, widow of David G. Darden, of Company H, Tenth Regiment; Mrs. Ellen E. Norman, of Creswell, widow of Nehemiah Norman, member of Company H, Seventeenth Regiment; Mrs. Mary Jane Weede, of Plymouth, widow of William C. Weede, of Company C, Seventeenth Regiment; and Sarah Jane Williams, of Roper, widow of Henry J. Williams, member of Company G, First Regiment.

Mrs. Margaret Leggett, of Plymouth is listed as a "Class A" widow, and as such receives a yearly pension of \$300 from the State Government. Her husband was the late A. J. Leggett, who was a member of the Third Cavalry.

Next Issue of Beacon To Be Earlier Than Usual

According to present plans, the Beacon will come to you on Wednesday of next week instead of Friday, as usual. The forms will be closed Monday night and the paper will be put in the post office Tuesday night in order that it may be distributed throughout the county before Christmas Day. This action is taken in order that members of the "force" may have a few days' rest at this season, which is the only time a worker in a newspaper office gets any vacation. Our correspondents and advertisers are asked to get their "copy" in early, as all material must be in the office by Monday night in order to insure publication.

The Beacon office will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday but the whole crew—both of us—will be back on the job Monday morning, ready for "business as usual."

EXPECT LARGE CROWD TUESDAY FOR FIREWORKS

Firemen Have About Completed Arrangements for Big Free Exhibition

Local firemen are going ahead with their arrangements for the big aerial display of fireworks to be staged on the river front here next Tuesday night, December 23, at 9 o'clock. The fireworks were received last week, several boxes of them, and certain members of the company will be selected to erect frames for the designs and "set off" the display Tuesday night. The entire program is free, local merchants and the chamber of commerce having cooperated in buying the materials and advertising the occasion. It has not yet been determined whether the displays will be set up on the ground on the Bertie side, or whether they will be fired from a barge anchored in the river. Spectators will have plenty of room on the Plymouth side, however, and a gorgeous spectacle is promised by the firemen.

A number of the merchants have announced that they will put special items on sale at low prices at the time of the fireworks exhibition, and it is believed that the event will prove a boon to the business houses here by spreading the usual Christmas Eve rush over two nights.

BANK DECLARES EXTRA DIVIDEND

Branch Bank & Trust Co. Has Paid Stockholders 20 Per Cent This Year

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Branch Banking & Trust Company, Wilson, N. C., held last Friday, an extra dividend of 8 per cent was declared, payable to stockholders on December 15th, making total dividends of 20 per cent for the current year.

Mr. H. D. Bateman, who is President of the bank, announced that the operating profits for the year would be approximately as much as for the year 1929.

The Branch Bank is well known as being one of the strongest and most capably managed institutions in Eastern Carolina and has branches in the following towns: Plymouth, Bailey, Goldsboro, Fayetteville, New Bern, Whitakers, Selma, Williamston and Warsaw.

H. D. Bateman is president; S. S. Lawrence, vice president and cashier; Miley C. Glover, trust officer; and D. W. Kellogg, manager of the insurance department.

The directors are as follows: S. H. Anderson, chairman; S. G. Mewborn, J. T. Barnes, H. B. Lane, W. D. Sharp, R. P. Watson, D. S. Boykin, C. L. Hardy, H. D. Bateman, J. T. Cheatham, F. L. Carr, C. E. Moore, F. N. Bridges, W. A. Finch and S. S. Lawrence.

BEGIN DRIVE TO AID LOUISBURG

Needs of Methodist Institution To Be Presented in Churches Sunday

Efforts on the part of the Trustees of Louisiana College to raise approximately \$12,000.00 among the members of the North Carolina Conference and friends of the institution before January 10, 1931, for the purpose of supplementing the income of the College to meet its operating expenses for the spring term are meeting with encouraging response on all sides, it was stated this week by Rev. R. G. Edwards, pastor of the local Methodist Church. There is a spirit of cooperation on the part of the students, faculty, alumnae, and friends of the College throughout the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The North Carolina Conference has definitely committed itself to the plan of the Trustees of the College through action taken by its ministers and laymen in meetings held in each of the nine districts of the Conference during the last ten days. It has been pointed out that to raise the proposed amount will call for only a small contribution from each pastoral charge.

The proposed plan for the raising of this fund includes the following: First, that the cause of Louisiana College shall be presented in all of the Churches of the North Carolina Conference either on December 21, or December 28, and voluntary offerings be taken at that time for the College.

Second, that each Methodist pastor designate such other church workers as he may see fit to assist him in soliciting private contributions. It is suggested that the pastors may find former students of Louisiana College to be especially helpful in this work.

Get \$129.50 Monthly Pledges For Welfare Work in Section

A Christmas Wish

BY MRS. HILDA ROBERTSON

I'd like a stocking made for a giant, and a meeting-house full of toys; Then I'd go out in a happy hunt for the poor little girls and boys. Up the street and down the street and across and over the town, I'd search and find them every one before the sun went down.

One would want a new jack-knife, sharp enough to cut; one would long for doll with hair, and eyes that open and shut; one would ask for a china set, with dishes all to her mind; one would wish for a Noah's ark, with beasts of every kind.

Some would like a doll's cook-stove and a little toy wash-tub; some would prefer a little drum

for a noisy rub-a-dub. Some would wish for a story-book, and some for a set of blocks; some would be wild with happiness over a new tool-box; and some would rather have little shoes and other things warm to wear; for many children are very poor, and the winter is hard to bear.

I'd buy soft flannels for little frocks, and a thousand stockings, or so, and the jolliest little coats and cloaks, to keep out the frost and snow. I'd load a wagon with caramels and candy of every kind, and buy all the almonds and pecan nuts and taffy that I could find; and barrels and barrels of oranges I'd scatter right in the way, so the children would find them the very first thing, when they wake on Christmas Day.

RESULTS DRIVE MADE THURSDAY NOT INCLUDED

Committee Named by Local Chamber Commerce To Canvass Town

With only a few days remaining days before Christmas the program of relief work for Washington County was worked out at the meeting of the chamber of commerce here Monday night, when plans were made for a canvass of local business establishments for pledges to the fund to carry on Salvation Army work throughout the county. A committee, composed of A. H. Stier, J. W. Norman, and C. L. Groves, was named to make the canvass, which began yesterday, and it was confidently expected that enough pledges would be received by them to get the work well under way by the end of this week.

Another committee, consisting of Z. V. Norman, P. H. Darden, and A. L. Alexander, was appointed to go before the county board of commissioners and the town council at their next meetings to ask them to make a donation to the project.

Envoy W. C. Brewer, in charge of the Salvation Army work here, was joined Tuesday by his wife, who is also a trained welfare worker, and they are rapidly getting things lined up for their part of the job. A number of needy cases have already been reported to them and some relief has already been extended where circumstances were most urgent.

Pledges totaling \$129.50 per month have already been received by the committee of the chamber of commerce, and this does not include the results of their canvass yesterday. Only five organizations are represented in this amount, and it is believed that the canvass Thursday will very nearly put the workers "over the top" in their campaign to secure pledges for at least \$200 per month for the next six months.

Organizations which made their pledges prior to the drive Thursday include: Employees and Chicago Mill and Lumber Corporation, \$62.50; National Handle Company organization, \$45; local post-office force, \$12; Perseverance Lodge of Masons, \$7.50; and fire department, \$2.50. The name of the individual contributors will be published later.

In addition to the cash donations and pledges received the Salvation Army also wants old clothing, shoes, food, and produce of any kind. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer are at present located in the rooms over Jackson's market, while repairs are being made to the permanent headquarters, which will be located on the second floor of the Woodley Chevrolet Co. building, the use of which has been donated by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sutton. Envoy Brewer made a short talk to the pupils of local schools this week, asking them to aid by bringing old clothing and other supplies to be given to the needy.

Mrs. Brewer said yesterday that a "Christmas pot," presided over by an Army worker, would probably be placed on one of the streets here Saturday in order to give the general public a chance to "chip in" to the cause. She stated that the aim of the organization would be to see that there were no empty stockings—or stomachs—in this section on Christmas Day, and that worthy unfortunates would be cared for as long as possible, or until they were able to help themselves, provided the people of the county would cooperate in the undertaking.

Donations or information as to needy cases may be given to any of the army workers, members of the canvassing committee of the chamber of commerce, this newspaper, or to the county welfare officer, J. W. Norman.

Town Council To Have Regular Meet Tonight

The town council will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting tonight, it was announced by Mayor R. P. Walker this week. Aside from the routine business to be transacted, it is expected that consideration will be given the purchase of an electric pump for the water system, and it is also probable the installation of water meters throughout the town will be discussed.

Local Teachers Observe Work in Washington

Local teachers spent last Friday in Washington observing the work of the teachers and methods in use in the schools there. Principal E. H. Hicks of the city schools, said yesterday that they were cordially received and entertained while in the Beaufort capital, and he believed the day had well spent. The teachers spent the entire day, from 9 to 3:30, in observation work, and as Washington has an excellent system efficiently conducted, it is believed that much good will come of the visit, the principal stated.

Home Demonstration Agent on Annual Leave

Miss Pratt Covington, county demonstration agent, is taking her annual leave next week, when she will visit relatives at her old home in Rockingham. Before leaving, Miss Covington announced that she will be "back on the job" by January 1st, and that club work will take on renewed activity after the first of the new year.

Automobile License Plates For 1931 Are Now On Sale At Branch Offices in State

RECORDER HAD THREE CASES

All Three Defendants Are Given Terms on County Roads

There were only three cases in recorder's court here Tuesday, and the session was not as long as it has usually been for the past several months. All three of the defendants tried were negroes, and all three cases were based on assault charges. One of the defendants was fined and given a suspended sentence, while the other two were given assigned to the county road force. It is understood that the negro who was fined was unable to raise the amount and as the suspended sentence imposed was contingent upon him paying the fine, he also joined the county road force.

Cases disposed of were as follows: Percy Lemont, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, entered a plea of guilty and was given 4 months on the roads.

Hamp Smith, booked on counts of assault, nuisance, etc., also entered a plea of guilty. He was fined \$20 and the costs and given a 4 months' sentence on the roads, the sentence to be suspended upon payment of the costs and good behavior of the defendant. He was unable to pay the fine and was sent to the roads.

Robert Wilson, alias "Bob-jack," was charged with assault, resisting an officer, etc. He pled guilty and was sentenced to the roads for six months.

FAMOUS LION TO BE HERE

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Leo Makes Stop Here While On Tour of World

How would you like to pay butcher bills or restaurant checks for an appetite that required twenty-five pounds of beef as a daily diet? Yet when you consider that the owner of the appetite tips the scale at seven hundred and thirty-five pounds, it is not surprising that such a menu should be required to maintain his strength.

Leo, the proud possessor of this leonine appetite, will arrive in Plymouth on Saturday at 9 a. m. to visit the friends that he has in this city. Leo is a lion, the celebrated trademark lion of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, who roars his supremacy from the "Ars Gratia Artis" wreath at the beginning of all the motion pictures produced by that company. He is now embarked on a tour of the world to visit his millions of picture fans who have voiced a desire to meet him personally.

When Leo arrives in his caravan of motorized vehicles, each of which excels in magnificence any circus wagons we have ever seen, he will make a tour of the principle streets of the town which will terminate at the front of the State Theatre about 9:30 a. m. There Leo will perform, under the direction of his trainer, Capt. Volney Phifer, who enters the cage with him, several of the antics that have been required of him in his motion picture career.