

COUNTY FAILS TO GROW ENOUGH CROPS FOR FOOD

Lacked \$391,866 of Growing Enough To Meet Needs Of Population

Before Washington County can attain a place in the "Live-at-Home" land of prosperity as advocated by Governor O Max Gardner, it must first increase its acreage planted and production in wheat, oats, milk, poultry, eggs and home gardens.

Figures compiled by the extension service of N. C. State College in connection with the 1931 campaign, which has as its slogan "Farm to Make a Living In 1931" show that the county in 1929 failed by \$391,833 to produce enough of the above mentioned crops to actually meet the needs of its farm population of 5,400. The shortage in home garden crops led the list, the value of the deficiency in this one item being placed at \$199,242.

The figures show that if farmers of the county are eating according to the average of the nation and feeding their livestock up to requirements they are being forced to spend a neat sum outside of the county each year for products that it is possible for them to turn out at home.

Farmers of the county continue to bank on cotton and tobacco to bring them in the cash with which to buy the things that they must have, but with prices tumbling on these two so-called money crops, it is being pointed out that salvation and prosperity lies in production of food and feed-stuffs.

Washington is doing well with its pork, producing a surplus valued at \$140,000 above farm needs and at the same time producing a surplus valued at \$17,615 in its corn crop, this figure being above the needs of the farm population and all farm livestock.

The county has been put in a "Live-at-Home" class on eight food and feed crops, corn, rye, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, beef and veal, mutton and lamb, pork and hay. The value of the surplus on these eight crops was \$367,962.

Statistics on the county's production of these crops follows:

Corn—230,316 bushels required; 248,292 bushels produced; 17,976 bushels surplus; \$17,615 value of surplus.

Rye—234 bushels surplus with a value of \$313.

Sweet Potatoes—7,884 bushels required; 14,688 bushels produced; 6,804 bushels surplus; \$6,124 value of surplus.

Irish Potatoes—6,480 bushels required; 64,920 bushels produced; 58,440 bushels surplus; \$73,050 value of surplus.

Beef and Veal—333 head required; 543 head produced; 210 head surplus; \$9,950 value of surplus.

Mutton and Lamb—200 head required; 336 head produced; 136 head surplus; \$587 value of surplus.

Pork and Lard—1,698 head required; 8,698 head produced; 7,000 head surplus; \$140,000 value of surplus.

Hay—5,484 tons required; 6,613 tons produced; 1,128 tons surplus; \$20,322 value of surplus.

Food and feed crops in which the county had a shortage below the needs of its farm population with statistics follow:

Wheat—25,880 bushels required; no production; 25,880 bushels shortage; \$35,973 value of shortage.

Oats—50,928 bushels required; 6,024 bushels produced; 44,904 bushels shortage; \$32,780 value of shortage.

Milk—729,000 gallons required; 218,718 gallons produced; 510,282 gallons shortage; \$91,851 value of shortage.

Poultry—55,800 birds required; 25,353 birds produced; 30,447 bird shortage; \$27,402 value of shortage.

Eggs—167,400 dozen required; 152,118 dozen produced; 15,282 dozen shortage; \$4,585 value of shortage.

Home Gardens—540 acres required; 114 acres planted; 426 acres shortage; \$199,242 value of shortage.

Approximately 400 acres of sweet potatoes will be planted in Hoke County this season to be marketed cooperatively from curing houses.

Last Chance To Buy Town License Plates

Chief of Police P. W. Brown stated yesterday that one more chance would be given local car owners who have not yet bought their 1931 town license plates to comply with the law before he starts issuing warrants. However beginning next week, owners of cars who do not have the new tags will be issued summons, which will only mean an added expense to them. The chief explained that the majority of local people who own cars have already secured their licenses, and that drastic action against those who had not was ordered by town authorities.

WASHINGTON'S MARRIAGE TO MARTHA CUSTIS

George's Courtship One of Finest Stories Ever Revealed

So much has been written on the more spectacular phases of George Washington's life that it is sometimes difficult to appreciate the really human qualities of the man. One of the finest stories ever told of Washington is that of his courtship of Martha Custis and their subsequent marriage. In this story are revealed some of the best and most attractive qualities of America's greatest hero. The firm, strong-willed leader of men who unflinchingly would face death on the battlefield found that he needed the companionship and helpful counsel of a woman. Fortunately, he met the sort of woman he wanted to reside in his home, and they were married on January 6, 1759.

The story of George Washington's marriage to Martha Custis is told by the Division of Information and Publication of the George Washington Bicentennial Commission, in a statement intended to call attention to the 172nd anniversary of this notable event.

George Washington first met the Widow Custis at the home of Major Chamberlayne in May 1758. The lady had then been a widow for about a year. She had married Colonel Daniel Parke Custis when she was seventeen years old, and was left at his death eight years later, with two small children and a considerable fortune. Although it is said that Washington was formally presented to Mrs. Custis for the first time by Chamberlayne, it is almost certain that the famous soldier and the charming widow had at least heard of each other before that time.

Fate must have taken a hand in the events of that day in May when Colonel Washington was detained at Williams' Ferry over the Pamunkey by his friend, Major Chamberlayne, who earnestly pressed upon the young man an invitation to stay his journey and enjoy the hospitality of the plantation. But Washington was hastening to Williamsburg where he intended to ask the Governor in person for men and supplies for the frontier, which previous urgent letters had failed to obtain. Chamberlayne was insistent, however, and when it appeared that all his importunities must fail to alter the plans of the Colonel, he informed the latter that he was then entertaining the charming Mrs. Custis. This argument, apparently, was potent enough to convince the young warrior where all others had been vain, and Washington consented to remain only long enough to partake of the meal which was then being prepared.

Bishop, the personal servant of Washington, who had served under Braddock, was instructed to hold the Colonel's horse in readiness for a speedy departure as soon as dinner was over. The old soldier knew every well his master's reputation for punctuality, and since the business at Williamsburg was important, he fully expected that this wait would be a brief one. But the dinner hour was passed, the sun sank lower into the west, and

still Washington lingered. At last in the warm dusk of the May evening, the faithful Bishop received orders to stable the horses for the night and the journey was postponed until the next day.

There is something amusing in this scene of budding romance, although it is no wonder that Washington tarried. Martha Custis was beautiful, attractive and accomplished. She had been described as being short, slightly plump and of engaging personality. Certainly the Colonel's interest in the lady was matched by her own interest in the renowned young soldier, and such mutual agreeableness was surely sufficient to crowd prosaic business into the background.

However, the Governor had to be visited, so the next day found Washington on his way to Williamsburg. But as soon as the business which took him there was taken care of, the now fully smitten Colonel proceeded to the White House, the Custis home on the Pamunkey, where it appears Mrs. Custis expected him. When he left there he must have been in high spirits for he took with him the lady's promise to marry him as soon as he should finish his military service on the Ohio.

Washington did not see his betrothed again for several months, for it was December before he returned from this expedition. His duties fulfilled, the Colonel resigned from the army and hastened plans for the wedding. It was during Washington's absence on the frontier that he wrote the only letter to Martha which alone remains of his prenuptial correspondence with her. This dignified and gravely tender note is dated Fort Cumberland, July 20, 1758.

"We have begun our march to the Ohio. A courier is starting for Williamsburg, and I embrace the opportunity to send a few words to one whose life is now inseparable from mine. Since that happy hour when we made our pledges to each other, my thoughts have been continually going to you as to another self. That All-powerful Providence may keep us both in safety, is the prayer of your faithful and ever affectionate friend.

It still is uncertain whether the marriage occurred in Saint Peter's Church or at the bride's home, the White House. At any rate, the Reverend Mr. Mossom, rector of Saint Peter's, officiated at the ceremony. Jared Sparks, one of Washington's earliest biographers, is the authority for the date of the wedding which he established as January 6. But no matter whether the wedding took place at the White House or in the church it was a notable event and was attended by a great number of Virginia's prominent people. The Governor himself was there with civil and military authorities, and many of the socially elite. Only a traditional account of the festivities on that occasion exists today, but certainly the celebration left nothing lacking.

Martha's wedding gown has been thus described by one writer: "a satin quilt, over which a heavy white silk, inter-woven with threads of silver, was looped back with white satin ribbons, richly brocaded into a leaf pattern. Her bodice was of plain satin, and the brocade was fastened on the bust with a stiff butterfly bow of the ribbon. Delicate lace finished the low, square neck. There were close elbow sleeves revealing a puff and frill of lace. Strings of pearls were woven in and out of her powdered hair. Her high heeled slippers were of white satin, with brilliant buckles."

The attractive appearance of the bride was equalled by that of the tall, well-built bridegroom. Always particular over his dress, Washington, on this occasion, was elegantly arrayed and, according to all accounts, was the most gallantly magnificent figure in all that assemblage.

At last Mount Vernon had a mistress, but months elapsed after the wedding before the young bride saw her future home. Washington had just been elected to the House of Burgesses so the young remained in Williamsburg while that Chamber remained in session until May. When Washington did return with his wife to his beautiful estate on the Potomac the place became home to both of them for the remainder of their lives.

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SKINNERSVILLE PLEASANT GROVE

Skinnerville, Feb. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Bell, of Chowan River Bridge, motored here Monday to visit friends.

Miss Corinne Bell and Mr. J. C. Swain, of Pleasant Grove, attended the funeral of Mr. Emmett Grandy in Berkley Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Holton were in Plymouth Wednesday.

Miss Christine Spruill spent the week-end in Roper, the guest of Miss Grace Windley.

Mrs. Emmett Grandy and three children, Emmett, jr., Madeline and baby, formerly of Presque Isle, Maine, are making their home with Mrs. Lela Styron.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reddick and daughters, Misses Ruby and Mabel Reddick, were in Plymouth Saturday shopping.

Miss Jennie Swain and Misses Ruby and Mabel Reddick were the guests of Misses Eva and Alice White Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter White and daughter, Margie, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tarkenton Sunday night.

Mr. Joe White, Misses Mabel and Ruby Reddick, Miss Jennie Swain, Misses Eva and Alice White were in Plymouth Sunday afternoon.

Services were held at Holy Neck Christian Church Sunday night by Mr. Gilbert Davis, of Plymouth.

Mesdames M. J. Elliott, C. V. White and Clinton Everett visited in the home of Mrs. Mollie Wiley Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Bell, Mrs. Clinton Everett and Mrs. Matilda Amuck were guests of Mrs. S. A. Holton Monday afternoon.

CRESWELL

Miss Blanche Davis is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Priscilla Davis, who is very ill.

Mrs. George Stillman and Christine Stillman were visitors in Columbia Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bateman spent the week-end with Mr. Bateman's parent, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Bateman.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Eason are moving back to their home in Stantonburg.

Mr. C. H. Rabon has returned to Creswell after spending some time in Raleigh with his wife, who is very ill.

Miss Essie Jordan spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Will Jordan.

Friends of Mrs. Vidia Davenport will be glad to know that she is improving from her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Mary Spruill spent the week-end with the parents of Mrs. Spruill, Mr. and Mrs. Renzy Sawyer.

Friends of Miss Ester Wake Holloway and Mrs. Will Jordan will regret to learn that they are very ill.

MOUNT TABOR

Miss Clara Furlough was the guest of Miss Adelia Ambrose Saturday night.

Mrs. C. J. Phelps visited her mother, Mrs. Luther Hassell, of Roper, Wednesday. She was accompanied by Miss Elsie Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Spruill, of Piney Grove, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Furlough Saturday afternoon.

Messrs. Howard Ambrose, Lonnie Davenport, and Howard Clifton were in Plymouth Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Ambrose visited Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ambrose Sunday afternoon.

Miss Jimmie Bateman spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Tom Alexander, of Scuppernon.

Miss Vidia Ambrose was the guest of her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Ambrose, Saturday night.

Zion Demonstration Club Has Interesting Meeting

The Zion Club met Tuesday, February 24, at the home of Mrs. Pete Phelps, with Mrs. Phelps and Miss Mattie Davenport acting as joint hostesses. Following the preliminary program, presided over by the president, Mrs. Phelps, a demonstration on finishing floors was staged by Miss Pratt Covington, county home agent. There were 12 members present. The club will have a joint meeting with the Chapel Hill club in March.

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INFLUENZA SPREADING

Check Colds at Once With 666. Take It As a Preventive Use 666 Salve for Babies

CHERRY

Misses Hortense Ambrose and Teadie Mae Gibbs motored to Columbia Saturday P. M.

Miss Lucy Ray Spruill spent the past week-end at Williamston.

Mr. W. N. Gibbs and son Norman Gibbs of Portsmouth were here Friday night.

Mr. Mike Davenport and Miss Gladys Snell motored to Walsenburg Sunday.

T. H. Gibbs and Jim Alexander were here Thursday.

Miss Elizabeth Phelps was the week-end guest of Miss Lela Swain.

Mr. and Mrs. Koria Spruill of Colerain spent the past week-end with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Spruill, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Barnes, Misses Evelyn Spruill, Hortense Ambrose, Messrs. W. M. Barnes and Charlie Barnes motored to New Bern Sunday.

Miss Mildred Hutton and Mr. Russell Norman were here Sunday night.

Miss Zylphann Oliver was the guest of Miss Virginia White Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosebud Robinson of Rocky Mount was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Spruill.

Friends of little Forest Woodley Snell will be glad to know that he is greatly improved after an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gibbs and little daughter Nina Stevie were the guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Phelps Sunday.

WESTOVER

Mrs. Carrie Baldwin, of Enfield, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ayers.

Elmer Davenport, of Roanoke Rapids, was at home for the week-end.

Mrs. Walter Gurganus, of Williamston, is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Sitterson.

Ned Swain was the week-end guest of his mother, Mrs. C. E. Swain.

Land is being cleared in Richmond county for pasture planting and preparations are under way to increase the population of family cows.

CHAPEL HILL

Mrs. Ethel Alexander, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. L. D. Harrison, left Thursday for her home in Norfolk.

Miss Blanche Ange was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Gurganus the week-end.

Mr. Tom Reese and sister, Mable, of Newport News, Va., spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. Harry Reese.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gurganus and children spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gurganus.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gurganus was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Ambrose Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harrison and William Roeluck motored to Williamston Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Ruth Harrison was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Arnold Sunday.

The Community is glad to learn that Miss Eliza Robertson is recovering after a severe case of influenza and hopes she will soon be out again.

W. H. and R. S. Francisco of Craven County have placed 35 head of beef steers on feed to begin a new demonstration in livestock farming in eastern Carolina. The steers averaged 699 pounds each.

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Maxwell House Coffee 35c

3 PALMOLIVE SOAP 20c 1 Balloon Free With Each Purchase

MARKET SPECIALS Lean PORK CHOPS Pound 15c Tender ROUND STEAK Pound 25c FRANKS Pound 20c STEW BEEF Pound 15c CHUCK ROAST Pound 20c OYSTERS Quart 50c NECK BONES Pound 10c

FRUITS BANANAS, Dozen 22 1/2 APPLES, Dozen 15c ORANGES, Dozen 20c TANGERINES, Dozen 20c GRAPE FRUIT 7 1/2 LEMONS, Dozen 19 1/2 MAYONNAISE, 1-2 pint jar 15c

MILK Large Can 7 3/4c

FLOUR

FRESH VEGETABLES LETTUCE 10c BEETS Bunch 10c CARROTS 10c ONIONS Pound 2 1/2 RUTABAGAS 2 1/2 CABBAGE Pound 2 3/4 Irish Potatoes 2 9/10 Sweet Potatoes Pound 2c ALL 5c CANDY Three Tor 10c

SOUTHDOWN 12 lb. bag 35c 24 lb. bag 69c 48 lb. bag \$1.37 96 lb. bag \$2.69

QUEEN'S TASTE 12 lb. bag 37c 24 lb. bag 73c 48 lb. bag \$1.43 96 lb. bag \$2.80

LAST NOTICE! Automobile owners are hereby given notice that unless City license plates are put on their cars by next week, I will be forced to issue warrants for them. This action is taken by order of the board of commissioners, and no exceptions will be made. Save expense, time, and embarrassment by complying with the law at once. P. H. BROWN CHIEF OF POLICE

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