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Demonstration Work In County Praised By State College Officials

IS OUTSTANDING IN EAST PART OF NORTH CAROLINA

Women Well Organized For "Live-at-Home" Campaign

Raleigh, June 3.—(Special to The Beacon).—The work of Miss Pratt Covington, home agent of Washington County, is outstanding in the eastern part of the state. Miss Covington has the women of her county exceedingly well organized for participation in the "Live-at-Home" campaign, in the opinion of State College Extension officials. She is doing an excellent work, and her club organizations are enthusiastic and eager to follow her leadership.

There are 14 home demonstration clubs in the county, with a garden and canning leader in each group of women. These garden leaders were given five packages of new vegetable seed early last March and every effort was made to obtain plantings of new vegetables—different from the usual run of vegetables planted in the county. Miss Covington's aim was variety of green vegetables on each farm. She obtained the cooperation of various agencies in the county, with one company helping by donating over \$10 worth of seed. Others also helped by giving seed to the various clubs.

Each club leader planted the seed and, as soon as the plants were large enough, she gave nice bunches of these plants to her fellow club workers. By so doing, every club member was supplied with a larger variety of vegetables than ever before. The production of new vegetable varieties has caused intense interest in the cultivation of garden plots in Washington County.

One net result of this move on the part of Miss Covington has been a continued interest in the sale of surplus garden produce on the curb market at Plymouth. Sales on this market show conclusively that there has been a large increase in sales. This has meant more cash money back on the farms of the county, money which is being used to raised the standards of living in the entire county. The club women are pointing the way to progress for every citizen of the section.

Since the canning school was held, \$115.50 worth of canners have been bought from the Dixie Canner Company, and this is only half the goal set for Washington's women by Miss Covington.

A county canning outfit has been purchased by the club women of the county. This canner will be kept busy canning throughout the rest of the vegetable and fruit season. The canner is also to be used by club members in their homes for the cooking of meats and so forth. Lately, one club member cooked a five-pound roast on this canner, completing the cooking of the roast in 40 minutes instead of the usual five hours required. The women are vitally interested in this modern equipment.

Miss Covington has impressed on her club workers the necessity of raising the standards of living in Washington County. And these women are doing their part and have assumed leadership in the homes of the county. They are determined to "Live-at-Home" so as to have surplus money available for the betterment of their homes and their respective communities.

Mrs. Nurney Hurt In Fall Thursday

Mrs. W. T. Nurney was painfully hurt here Thursday morning, when she fell while going from the back porch of her home, breaking an arm at the elbow. Medical attention was rendered by a local physician.

Friends of Mrs. Nurney wish her a speedy recovery.

Red Hill Team Defeats Wenona, 30-16 Saturday

The Red Hill baseball club played the Wenona team a fast game here Saturday afternoon to the tune of 30 to 16 in favor of Red Hill. The Wenona boys played a good game of ball, but they were easily outclassed by the Red Hill players.

Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Miss Pratt Covington, county home demonstration agent, announced that her schedule for the week beginning June 8, would be as follows:

Monday, at Scuppernon; Tuesday at Cherry; Albemarle Club will meet June 23; Wenona Club will meet June 15; Saturday, curb market.

SALVATION ARMY FINISHES WORK AT LOCAL POST

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer Will Leave Next Monday for Their New Home

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Brewer, who have been in charge of the local Salvation Army post for the past six months will learn with regret that they have finished their work here for the present and will leave for New Bern Monday, June 8th. They will assist the workers of the Salvation Army at New Bern for the next several months.

The following report speaks for itself relative to the fine program of work carried on by Mr. and Mrs. Brewer during their stay here. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer state that this was made possible by the excellent cooperation received from the citizens of Plymouth and the county. This report covers relief work done since the opening of the post here.

210 families given groceries; 768 garments distributed; 141 pairs of shoes; 27 quarts of milk; 57 given medicine; 20 sick people given fruit; 2 loads of wood; 43 prepared meals for the sick; 445 visitations; 172 visits to the sick; 117 visits and prayers; 5 visits to the dying; 6 professions of faith; 5 reconsecrations; 6 prison camp meetings; 1 cottage prayer meeting.

RIDGE METHOD IN CULTIVATING TOBACCO URGED

Will Pay Increased Income Of \$50 Per Acre Under Normal Conditions

Cultivating tobacco by the ridge method will pay an increased income of \$50 an acre under normal conditions and should be even more desirable when the weed is selling for a low price and the crop is delayed in growth.

"Most of the earliest tobacco in this State is now in a hard, peaked condition due to the cold, wet spring," says E. Y. Floyd, extension entomologist at State College. "Apparently, the cultivation of the crop from now on will be an important factor in determining whether good acre yields of high quality and generally just as good a yield as any other planting during the season."

The ridge method of cultivation has proven its worth for the past five years. As compared with old, flat method, an increased income of about \$50 an acre has been secured from the ridge method. This plan makes the peaked tobacco take on new roots; drains the water from near the plant, and causes the soil to warm up more quickly, claims Mr. Floyd. He has conducted a large number of field demonstrations with high-class growers in all parts of the state and has found that putting all the soil to the tobacco plant that it will stand but scattering the middles deeper than the siding furrow, gives good results.

Cultivated in this way, the tobacco plant will soon grow out of its present hard, peaked condition and will look like a new plant. Mr. Floyd has prepared a small folder giving a description of this ridge method of cultivation. Copies may be had free of charge on application to the agricultural editor at State College.

North Carolina leads all States in the manufacture of denims, napped fabrics, cotton flannels, bed spreads, quilts, sheets, pillow cases, gingham, shirting, and table damask.

TWO-CENT PEANUTS AND 20-CENT MEAT

By MRS. W. B. CHESSON

Two-cent peanuts and twenty-cent meat; How in the world can poor folks eat? What we buy's high, what we sell's low, How can we live to raise any more?

Our clothes are worn out, feet on the ground, Old slouch hats with holes in the crowns; Backs nearly broken, fingers all sore, Obligations to meet; we are sore to the core.

Two-cent peanuts and ten-dollar frocks, Not even a dime to buy a pair of socks. We can't buy clothes, we can't buy meat, Nothing but peanuts for the poor folks to eat.

Losing our credit and ruining our health; The folks with money thinking only of themselves. Can't help each other, what shall we do? We can't solve the problem, so it's up to you.

Two-cent peanuts and a carload of tax, The load's too heavy for our poor backs, We've a good set of farmers and farm women as well, But there's something wrong as sure as...

SCHOOL CLOSSES SUCCESSFUL TERM

Local Physicians Offer Free Vaccinations Each Friday

Dr. Claudius McGowan and Dr. T. L. Bray announced yesterday that beginning with this week, they would each be in their respective offices each Friday afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock for the purpose of giving free typhoid and smallpox vaccinations to the public. Diphtheria vaccinations will also be given, but a charge of 25 cents will be made.

Doctors McGowan and Bray are giving these free vaccinations entirely gratis, as they do not receive a cent for giving them. They are doing it in order to make Washington County a more healthful place in which to live. People desiring to take these vaccinations will do these physicians a great favor by calling at their offices at the designated time, between 2 and 5 o'clock on Friday of each week.

2 ESCAPE FROM CONVICT GANG

Later Captured by County And Town Officers After Two Day Hunt

Edgar Thigpen and Isaiah Hill, colored convicts and trustees of the Washington County ching gang, caused some excitement Monday afternoon when they escaped from the camp. L. L. Basnight, road superintendent, immediately notified Sheriff Reid and a man hunt was commenced. However, the negroes were not captured until Wednesday night.

Sheriff Joe Reid, Chief P. W. Brown and Mr. Basnight effected the capture near Roper late Wednesday night. The negroes were hiding in a wood near that place.

Mr. Basnight stated that the negroes were returned to the camp and put to work. Charges have been preferred against them and the negroes will be tried here at some future date.

NO SUCH THING AS SURPLUS OF FOOD AND FEED

No One Complaining About Too Much Country Cured Ham and Bacon

By D. P. TRENT, Director, Oklahoma Extension Service

There has been a lot of talk about surpluses of cotton, wheat, butter, eggs, poultry, and other commodities on the market, and certainly surpluses of market commodities have played havoc with prices. But have you heard anybody complaining about too much country-cured ham or smoked bacon in the farm smokehouse, about too much canned fruit and vegetables in the farm cellar, too much fried chicken for Sunday dinner, too many fried eggs to eat with good fried ham, or too much milk and butter on the table for farm boys and girls and men and women to satisfy their appetites?

Do you know of any one who is bothered about too much jelly, jam, syrup, or honey in the pantry to eat with hot biscuits and butter or to pour over stacks of brown cakes? Did you ever know of a family that is discouraged and blue because of too many beans, onions, beets, peas, mustard, cabbage, potatoes, and other vegetables in the garden? Did you ever know a farmer who was worried about too much corn, oats, kafir, or hay in the barn to feed to his livestock, or about having so much good green pasture that his cows could eat their fill in a few hours and then lie in the shade and chew their cuds during the heat of the day?

Do you know a farmer who has complained about having wheat, rye, or other green pasture during the fall and winter months? Do you know of a farmer who has been greatly concerned about the high price or low price of food which he had on hand for family needs, or feed which he had on hand for his livestock?

Not much! These are ailments which have never bothered farmers. There isn't any such thing as a surplus of good food for the family or feed for the livestock. While there has been a surplus of wheat and of butter that has depressed the market, thousands of farm families all over the land have been hungry for hot biscuits and butter. While there has been a surplus of cotton on the market, thousands of farm people have been in need of some heavy cotton clothes to keep their bodies warm.

This is not a situation that can be remedied to any great extent by legislation or by governmental machinery. The solution must largely be found on the individual farm. There have been surpluses of market commodities, and no doubt will be again in the future, but there can never be a surplus of good living produced on the farm.

North Carolina has more inland water area than any State in the Union except Florida.

REPORT FOR MAY IS SUBMITTED BY MISS COVINGTON

17 Club Members Sign Up For Trip to Asheville This Summer

Miss Pratt Covington, home demonstration agent, made the following report to the county commissioners Monday for the month of May:

During the month the subject studied in the clubs was walls, and how to refinish worn-out walls. Each type of wall was studied and ways of refishing and remodeling explained. Three hundred and fifty-two women attended these meetings. There were twelve new members added to the club enrollment.

Each yard leader is sending in her yard report and much work has been accomplished. Everything has been done to these leaders' yards from hauling out loads of rubbish, tearing down old fences, moving outhouses, building pergolas, bird houses, and bird baths to reconstruction of the entire yard. A county tour of these yards will be conducted on the 17th of July.

Seventeen club members have signed up for the trip to Asheville. Figures for the entire trip will be within \$20. Rooms with bath in one of the best commercial hotels in Asheville have been secured for the party. Special rates to the Biltmore Estate and Chimney Rock have been booked, which makes the trip less expensive for the club people.

Miss Helen Estabrook held a leader's school on May 3rd in the court room on Curtains and wall finishing. Thirteen leaders were present, and witnessed one of the best demonstrations ever given in this section by Mrs. W. G. Stancill on the steam pressure cooker. Each member present voted to work toward getting a pressure cooker in every club in the county. There are 14 club. To date 9 steam pressure cookers have been ordered by the club women, which makes a total of \$130.50 spent for steam pressure cookers within the past three weeks. The Swain leader, Mrs. Edgar Swain, taught seven of her club members how to use this cooker last Tuesday, and during one afternoon 70 quarts of May peas were canned. The women are being urged to use this pressure cooker for cooking and canning.

Nearly 300 women attended the federation held in the court room on May 1. Dr. R. H. Wright was the principal speaker. Miss Margaret Everett was crowned queen of health during the afternoon, and about 20 club boys and girls took part in the exercises.

On May 9th, 19 women went to Greenville to the canning school. Every club in the county was represented. On May 6, 24 women attended the district meeting in Greenville. Memorial services were held for Mrs. Ida Swain Brickhouse, and the Washington County members took part in a special music program during the day.

During the month 1,309 miles were traveled in conducting the work; 132 individual letters were written; 5 market days were held with a total income of \$301.01. Three ads were put in the Roanoke Beacon which netted the producers anywhere from \$12 to \$25 more each time the ad was inserted. The curb market is now nearing the \$10,000 mark, counting from the time it was established.

Following are some of the special items which will be offered for sale at Plymouth Saturday on the curb market by the club women of the county:

Eggs	per lb.	15c
Young chickens	per lb.	30c
Butter		35c
Beans, per lb.		6c
Beets, per bunch		5c
Cabbage, per lb.		1-2c
Turnip greens, per lb.		2c
Garden peas, per peck		20c
Onions, per bunch		5c
Mead		3c

Announce Prices For Curb Market Saturday

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During 1929 North Carolina factories gave employment to 208,068 wage earners and 16,507 officers and salaried employees. Only 12 States employed more people in their factories.

Washington Collide On Washington Street Here

An auto collision that resulted in small damage to two cars occurred here Wednesday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock when a negro woman, driving a Studebaker sedan ran into Mr. W. W. Hardison's car on Washington Street.

Mr. Hardison's Whippet was damaged to some extent while the larger car was damaged greatly. Neither Mr. Hardison nor the negroess was hurt.

Address by Dr. H. M. Poteat Friday Pleases Audience

MANY GRADUATE

Senior Class One of Largest in History of Local Institution

The commencement exercises of the Plymouth High School were brought to a close here last Friday night, the outstanding feature of the program being the literary address by Dr. Hubert McNeill Poteat, professor of Latin at Wake Forest College. Dr. Poteat delivered one of the most interesting addresses heard in Plymouth for a long time. Many were heard to state that they had ever heard.

The diplomas were presented to the members of the graduating class at this time by Superintendent E. H. Hicks.

The senior class exercises were held on Thursday night of last week which was proved one of the most interesting programs of the commencement. The professional by the seniors and sophomores were very impressive. The salutatorian, Neva Liverman; historian, Robert Bowen; class poet, Elsie Warren; a duet, "Commencement Song," by Elizabeth Davidson and Bill Vail was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Eliza Robertson was statistician; Catherine Harrison and Syble Bowen, class jesters; Charlotte McNair, prophet; Louise Duvall, gitorian; Lloyd Davenport and Harry Lyon valedictorians. The program was brought to a close with the class song by the senior class.

A very successful school year was had, the graduating class being one of the largest in the history of the school. The standard of work done this year by the entire school was better, much improvement having been made during the year, month by month. The commencement exercises were also the most interesting ever staged in many respects.

MANY WRECKS REPORTED AT WILLIAMSTON

Fifteen of Thirty People In Series of Wrecks Hurt To Some Extent

The Williamston section was the scene of a series of automobile wrecks during the past few days, resulting in a heavy property loss but no fatalities. Several of the parties to the wrecks miraculously escaped serious injury and one or two barely missed losing their lives.

Four young white boys, Vernon Burgess, Russell Britt, E. P. Leary, all of Norfolk, and H. E. Lane, of Wilson, figured in the first wreck Friday night when their car missed plunging into the muddy Roanoke River by only three feet. The bridge was turned to pass one of the river boats, and the car crashed through the safety gates before Leary, the driver, saw the break in the road. Leary was badly cut about the arm and the other three young men received only minor injuries when Leary turned the car, a new Hudson sedan, into the bridge railing and knocked down three reinforced concrete posts.

The State attached the car for the damages done to the bridge.

Early Saturday morning, J. H. Roebuck, Williamston man, was painfully hurt and his car, a Ford sedan, was completely wrecked when an Essex, driven by P. H. Ward, of Norfolk, struck his machine six miles out of Williamston. Ward was placed in jail and required to give bond in the sum of \$1,000.

Saturday afternoon, two trucks, loaded with negroes, were wrecked on the Jamesville road, and several of the occupants were skinned and bruised.

A stolen Ford sedan, said to have been driven by Fritz Miller, was left a complete wreck on the Skewarkey Church grounds after it had skidded, turned over and then somersaulted. Miller continued on his way with a group of boys, it was stated. The car belonged to Mitchell Evans, of Elizabeth City.

Early Wednesday morning, Edward Owens of Plymouth, drove his new Ford sedan into the middle pillar at the railroad underpass at the edge of Williamston and hurt himself badly but not seriously. His car was badly damaged.

More than thirty people figured in the wrecks and fifteen were, more or less badly hurt in the six accidents.

Rea's Beach To Open For Summer Sunday

Rea's Beach, located on the Albemarle Sound, about 10 minutes' drive from Plymouth, will be officially opened to the public Sunday, June 7, L. W. Gurkin announced here yesterday. The beach is being operated this year by Mr. Gurkin and P. H. Darden. For the past several days workmen have been busy constructing dressing rooms, pavilions, etc.

It is also understood that dances

will be given regularly at this beach during the summer months and the management is planning to do everything possible to make it a real mecca for Plymouth and this entire section of the country.

Rea's Beach is considered one of the finest in this section of the State, having a smooth sandy bottom and being shallow for several hundred yards. It is expected that large crowds will attend this swimming resort this season.