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FIGHT PELLAGRA BY MEANS LIVING AT HOME PLAN

Is One of Main Objects of Campaign Launched In State

Raleigh, June 10. (Special to the Beacon)—One of the main aims of the "Preserve Your Food and Live-at-Home This Winter" campaign is to eradicate pellagra from the state through the medium of canned vegetables and fruits, preserving, pickling and drying of garden and orchard produce. The fight to eliminate pellagra in North Carolina is a big part of the "Live-at-Home" program, sponsored by Governor Gardner and his council on unemployment and relief.

This campaign for food preservation, begun several months ago at State College by the Extension Service under Dean I. O. Schaub and Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, the cooperation of the State Department of Health, under Dr. H. A. Taylor, acting health officer, is a part in the battle against pellagra. Ever since the work began in full force this winter, Dr. Taylor has given every possible bit of cooperation possible to Mrs. McKimmon and Dean Schaub and their workers, both county farm and home agents and district agents as well.

Dr. Taylor is certain that, "If the people of the state will heed the advice of farm and home agents and health officers, then pellagra will be cut to a minimum this coming fall and winter." He feels that there is plenty of food and fruits available this year. He is mainly concerned as to whether or not the farmers of the state in particular, will can and preserve vast quantities of such garden and orchard produce.

The work of the Extension Service has already done much to bring the necessity of food conservation to the public's attention. The Red Cross and Federal Farm Board are also cooperating. And all of this work is coordinated through the work of the relief units of the Governor's council under R. W. Henninger, executive secretary.

Mrs. McKimmon has had her part of the work thoroughly organized for several months. Her workers are in the field. Canning demonstrations are now going on, so that each township will have at least one person, capable of leading her friends in the work of canning and preserving this summer and fall. Home and farm agents will give some of their time, to work outside of their respective counties in sections where there is no organized home and farm demonstration worker. In this way, the message will be carried into every community in the state. Dr. Taylor quite neatly puts it this way:

"Every can of vegetables put up and every jar of preserves conserved is just one more blow to put pellagra out of business and I urge all citizens of the state to boost this great campaign to 'Preserve Your Food and Live-at-Home This Winter.'"

The work of the home demonstration agents in the 57 organized counties with white agents and the seven with colored agents is completely outlined. Each home agent is reporting all pellagra outbreaks, placing officers of the State Board of Health or other reputable physicians in touch with the situations, seeing that advice is carried out in the homes and that proper care and diet is accorded all patients. This is a complete check-up. These agents, whether there is a pellagra outbreak in a county or community or not, are boosting the home garden ideal, the food preservation plan. And they have been doing just that for months.

These workers are urging each family to keep a cow, some pigs, a flock of at least 50 hens and cultivate a garden. This is part of the "Live-at-Home" campaign and the family which carries out this simple program, need have no fear of pellagra.

The "Live-at-Home" campaign of the late winter has brought results. The cultivation of gardens on the farms and in the cities is more universal this year than ever before. All cooperating agents and agencies bear out this statement. The next step, very naturally, is to see that this food surplus is conserved and then used next winter when money will be scarce and when healthful food is needed to stave off famine, pellagra and other diseases.

Dr. Taylor and Mrs. McKimmon, both, see a certain decline in pellagra in North Carolina. For they have faith in the people of North Carolina and they feel sure that North Carolinians generally will cooperate in this great campaign for health and progress.

Hoke Farmer Gets Good Price for Hay at Raeford

T. B. Upchurch of Hoke county is selling 20 tons of soybean and grass hay at \$25 a ton loaded at Raeford.

Tonsil and Adenoid Clinic Will Be Held Here in July

The tonsil and adenoid clinic for school children will be held at the Plymouth High School building beginning Tuesday, July 7, and lasting four days, J. W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction, announced here yesterday. Only one hundred children can be operated on at this clinic, and for this reason it is urged that parents who have children whom they wish to be examined and have their tonsils and adenoids removed

make application to Mr. Norman as early as possible. A number of applications have already been received. Dr. Bailey, an expert physician and surgeon, will be in charge of the clinic, together with a number of experienced nurses. This clinic is being staged by the State health department in the interest of preparing school children to be able to improve their school work.

Lower County Tax Rate Is In Prospect

Officials To Determine Market Opening Dates

Meeting in Asheville next week the United States Tobacco Association, R. B. Carrington, president, will name the opening dates for the various tobacco markets in Georgia, South and North Carolina. No drive, as yet, has been current for an early opening. However, an early opening is likely to be urged for this belt, as the crop is further advanced now than it was at the same time last year, as a whole.

FIREMEN'S PLAY NEXT THURSDAY

"The Silent Shape" To Be Staged at High School Auditorium

"The Silent Shape," Jack Emerson's thrilling three-act mystery comedy, will be presented at the Plymouth High School auditorium here Thursday night, June 18th, at 8 o'clock, by the local fire company, it was announced yesterday.

There are eight characters in the cast, consisting of five men and three women. The cast has been practicing on this for several weeks now, and it is expected that this play will prove a most rare production of entertainment as the characters have been well trained.

There will be an admission of 25 and 35 cents charged, and the proceeds will be used by the fire department in the furtherance of this work. The public is urged to attend.

HOLD FUNERAL FOR YOUNG MAN

Marshall Hollis, 17, Dies at Home of Mother in Portsmouth

Funeral services for Marshall Hollis, 17-year-old son of Mrs. Lena Hollis and the late Mr. Hollis, who died at the home of his mother in Portsmouth, Va., last Friday, were held at the Windley cemetery here Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, pastor of the local Methodist church, officiated.

The service was largely attended, and the floral offerings were very beautiful. The Hollis family formerly lived in Plymouth and have many friends here, having moved to Portsmouth several years ago.

The deceased is survived by his mother, three brothers, and one sister, Milton, Claud, and William, and Miss Lena, all of Portsmouth.

THE AVERAGE FARMER'S PSALM OF TOBACCO

Tobacco, thou art my shepherd, and I am in want,
Thou hast caused me to feed in a dry pasture;
Thou hast destroyed my credit, thou hast led me into the paths of poverty, liens, lawsuits, and near nakedness.
That hast destroyed my soul and happiness,
Thou hast caused me to go to a banker with my farm and mortgage the muscle and produce of my arm.
Thou hast caused me to live in a rented house in full view of the moon, while stars come twinkling through the cracks.
Thou preparest a naked back and an empty stomach for me in the presence of my friends.
Thou anointest my head with ignorance, superstition, poverty, and unpaid accounts—How can I trust thee?
Thou hast kept my children out of school, church, and society, thereby robbing them of that which is good and noble, elevating and refining.
Thou hast caused me to go to the barn and bring out the old fertilizer sacks and ask my wife to make me a shirt.
Now, behold, as I stand amidst my friends in my new shirt with these inscriptions in full view:
"Eighteen per cent acid phosphate" on the breast, and "8-3-3" on the tail.

W. H. GAYLORD TO SUCCEED HARRY STELL ON BOARD

Named by Town Council at Regular Meeting Last Friday Night

W. H. Gaylord was appointed to fill the vacancy created in the city council by the resignation of Harry Stell at a regular meeting of the council here last Friday night. It is understood that Mr. Gaylord will accept the appointment, but this could not be confirmed today.

Most of the meeting Friday night was consumed in general routine matters. However, a motion was made that owners of dogs should keep their dogs at home or muzzled if allowed to run at large on the streets. It is understood that this motion will probably be made a city ordinance within the near future.

Various citizens have been heard to state that they thought it imperative that such an ordinance be made in order to protect the children as well as the citizenry in general from the hazard of being bitten by dogs suffering with rabies.

Chief Brown stated today that more mad dogs had been killed in Plymouth this summer and that more people had been bitten by these dogs than for several years.

MISSION SOCIETY MEETS MONDAY

Over \$200 Are Turned in at Meeting for Pipe Fund

The Young Woman's Missionary Society held its regular monthly meeting on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. D. V. Clayton, with Mrs. Clayton as hostess. The meeting was called to order by its president, Mrs. J. B. Willoughby, and after the roll call and reading of the minutes a business discussion followed, during which many suggestions were offered as means of making more money towards the pipe organ fund. Quite a number of these suggestions were adopted, and it is believed among the members of this organization that soon every citizen in Plymouth will have an opportunity to contribute in some way towards the pipe organ that is soon to be installed in the new Methodist Episcopal church.

Many and various collections were next taken up, among which was "The Rainy Day" bags, "The Birthday Money," regular dues, and individual money which had been raised by each member during the month. At the conclusion of the collection of these funds, the treasurer reported something around \$200 was turned in during the meeting.

Following the business session, a social hour was enjoyed, but the enthusiastic young women could not even then divert their minds from the money-making schemes that they had so thoroughly discussed during the early part of the evening.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. F. Ausbon and Mrs. W. F. Winslow, served delicious home-made ice cream and chocolate black cake to the guests. Special guests of the society were Mesdames Marion Ramsey and Roy Manning.

Convicted on Charge of Giving Worthless Check

Herbert Weatherly, 42-year-old white man, was tried and convicted on charges of worthless check giving in Recorder's Court here Tuesday before Judge Edward L. Owens. He was placed under a suspended road sentence on condition that he make good the check involved, \$163.50, and pay the cost. The defendant gave notice of appeal to the superior court. Bond was fixed at \$400.

This was the only case docketed for the Tuesday session.

Build Brick Column To Support Second Story

A new brick column has been built in at the P. M. Arps Pharmacy, the Rexall Drug Store. This column was necessitated due to the fact that the brick wall of the second story, not having sufficient support, sagged, and was continually breaking the plate glass.

Lightning Kills Mule On Farm Near Here

Lightning killed a mule belonging to Jim Harrison, who lives about five miles from Plymouth, Saturday afternoon, it was learned here a few days ago. It seems that the mule was standing under a tree which was struck by lightning and the bolt jumped from the tree upon the mule. The animal was said to have been a valuable one.

So far as could be learned, this is the first time in many years that a mule has been killed by lightning in Washington County.

Number of Farms in County Decreases in Past Ten Years

MANY DOGS ARE KILLED HERE

Number So Large, Police Chief Has Started Dog Grave Yard

Plymouth is probably the only town in this section of the State that has a public dog cemetery, where all deceased members of the canine family can rest their bones in peace. Chief P. W. Brown stated that he had buried exactly 24 dogs in this dog grave yard during 1931.

The cemetery is located between the city limits and the Chicago Mill and Lumber Corporation, near the shore of the Roanoke River.

This public dog cemetery was made necessary, Chief Brown stated, because of rabies and other causes.

When questioned concerning the dog population of Plymouth at the present, Chief Brown stated that he didn't believe there were over 15 dogs owned by white people in Plymouth today, while there are something over 50 dogs owned by colored people. Asked if the dog tax was a paying revenue for the town of Plymouth, Chief Brown declared that it was not. He explained that there were so few dogs owned by white folks upon which taxes could be collected, and that when one attempted to levy and collect taxes upon a dog or dogs at a negro's home the negro would declare that the dog did not belong to him. "Why Chief, dat houn' is jes' taken up heah a few weeks ago. He ain't my dog. Kill 'em if you wanna." This is the explanation usually offered by the members of the colored race when approached for dog taxes.

FORD CARAVAN IS HERE AGAIN

Large Crowds Attend Display at Buchanan Motor Company Tuesday

The Ford caravan, brought to Plymouth Tuesday on its second visit by the Buchanan Motor Company, local Ford dealers, proved considerably more popular and interesting this time than on its first visit here. This was manifested by the larger crowds which attended, and by the crowds of small children who were given free rides in the school truck.

However, the chief attraction about the caravan this trip for the younger set was the radio broadcasting station fitted up in one of the trucks. The driver piloted this truck about the streets of the city while the radio station aboard sent forth popular songs, instrumental music, etc. From time to time the driver would make some announcement himself that could be heard in various sections of the town.

Later on in the day, a number of the younger people possessed with voices made their debut on the air for the first time. Harry Lyon, popular young man here, did a number of solos over the Ford station that created considerable interest.

The caravan spent the entire day here Tuesday, leaving early Wednesday morning.

Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Miss Pratt Covington, home demonstration agent, has announced the following schedule for the week beginning June 15th:

Monday, at Scuppernon; Tuesday, at Cherry; Wednesday, at Albemarle; Thursday, at Wenoona; Friday, at Plymouth; Saturday, at curb market.

Martin Man Gets 10 Tons of Guano For Note Made in 1870

Real Honesty and the Idea of Fair Dealings Triumph Over Statute of Limitations When Son Willingly Meets Obligation Made by His Father

The statute of limitations has figured in many cases, often pushing honesty into the background, but honesty and the idea of fair dealings triumphed in a case disclosed near Williamston.

Back in 1870 Thomas Burroughs, resident of this county until his death about 45 years ago, gave Robert Rogers, a neighbor, a note for \$250. It was just a plain note, had no seal on it, and did not advance the cause of issuance. When Mr. Rogers died, he divided the property, giving to Mr. Henry Rogers the farm and certain papers. Recently, Mr. Henry Rogers' son, Lester Rogers, was looking over the papers left his father by his father's father and found the note.

Criminal Court Term Will Begin Monday

Criminal court will convene here Monday morning, June 15, with Judge Clayton Moore presiding, it was announced here yesterday. It is expected that this term will last all the week, as a large number of cases have been docketed for trial. In fact, it is not expected that the docket will be cleared.

This court is a postponement of the term which was scheduled here several months ago.

COUNTY BOY TO ATTEND CAMP

Laddie Swain, of Skinnersville, Leaves for Fort Bragg for Month

Laddie Swain, of the Skinnersville community, was among the 950 and more young men from North and South Carolina, who have received orders to report at Fort Bragg, N. C., on Friday, June 12th, for one month's service with the 1931 Citizen's Military Training Camp. The camp this year will be commanded by Major Harvey D. Higley, of the Seventeenth Field Artillery, Fort Bragg.

Major Higley, born in Iowa, is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was commissioned in 1908 and has served in the Philippines and in Germany. During the World War Major Higley was in command of the Field Artillery Replacement Depot at Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky., where thousands of field artillery officers and enlisted men were trained for combat service. Major Higley is on the Army's General Staff Eligibility List and is a graduate of the Field Artillery School, advanced course, Fort Sill, Okla., of the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and of the Army War College, Washington, D. C.

In connection with the opening of the C. M. T. C., Major Higley stated that this movement is more popular this year than ever before, especially in North and South Carolina. He said that last year, 1930, there was a total of 1,422 applications received for membership in the Fort Bragg C. M. T. C., while this year, up to June 1, 2,091 applications for the Fort Bragg camp had been received.

MRS. SAMUEL H. CARROLL DIES

Funeral Held at Pinetown Christian Church Friday Afternoon

Mrs. Samuel H. Carroll, 32 years of age, died at her home here last Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, following a prolonged illness. Funeral services were conducted from the Christian church at Pinetown Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, with the pastor of the church, Rev. Mr. Lee, officiating.

A large attendance was present, and the many floral offerings manifested the esteem in which Mrs. Carroll was held by her friends. The deceased formerly lived in the Pinetown community.

Besides her husband, the deceased is survived by a number of other near relatives and a host of friends.

Keep your money at home buy buying goods made in North Carolina.

VALUES ALSO MUCH LOWER THAN IN 1920

Number of Farm Tenants Increases, Farm Census Report Shows

The following information has just been received from the director of the census, giving some of the results of the 1930 farm census for Washington County, as compared with 1925 and 1920, which should prove of interest to Washington County people.

The number of farms in Washington County for 1930 is 1,091, compared with 1,273 farms in 1925, and 1,100 in 1920, which shows a decrease in the number of farms; acreage of all lands in farms for 1930 is 67,557 acres; for 1925, 72,844 acres; for 1920, 73,866 acres; value of land and buildings for 1930 is \$2,884,312; for 1925, \$3,357,783; for 1920, \$4,467,327.

The number of farms operated by the owners in 1930 are 536; for 1920, 624; managers of farms for 1930, 6; for 1920, 6; number of farms operated by tenants for 1930, 549; for 1920, 480. These figures show that more farms are operated in Washington County by tenants than by owners. The history of the development of the most progressive and leading agricultural sections of the country proves that this is a very bad situation indeed. No county or community where agriculture is the chief industry can develop and make the progress that it should where a tenant system is in vogue such as we have here in Washington County.

A good slogan for this county would be: "Every farmer a farm owner."

The report shows, however, that the number of milk cows in the county has increased from 194 cows in 1920 to 576 in 1930. Still this is a very low number of milk cows for Washington County, where there are 1,091 farms. The county should, at the very least, have a milk cow for every farm. No country or community has ever been known to make much progress where the farmers did not develop dairying. Milk cows have proved a considerably better money crop than cotton, tobacco, or any other crop that is grown from the soil. Milk and butter are the most healthful foods that can be had, and every farmer in Washington County should set his goal for at least one good milk cow.

Besides it will not be long now until the creamery at Washington will be in position to buy all the surplus milk in this county. Hence, a small dairy herd will prove a most valuable asset to any farmer. Milk cows will furnish a weekly payroll, bringing the farmer money each week instead of once or twice a year.

The Major Charles Louis Latham Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy held its regular monthly meeting on Friday at the home of Mrs. W. T. Nurney, with Mesdames S. A. Ward, R. P. Walker, W. T. Nurney, and Miss Edna Nurney as joint hostesses. The Nurney home was decorated with a profusion of summer flowers and asparagus fern.

The president, Mrs. T. L. Bray, called the meeting to order, and after the reading of the minutes and roll call by the secretary, a business discussion followed, during which it was decided by the chapter that a monument garden party be given some time during June. A final report was given by Mrs. Marion Ramsey on the cook book fund, which she and Mrs. J. S. Brown compiled and sold last year. Mrs. Ramsey reported the sale of 115 cook books and turned over \$60.60 in cash and 100 books yet to be sold. This money goes towards the monument fund.

LOCAL U. D. C. IN REGULAR MEET

Held at Home of Mrs. W. T. Nurney Last Friday Afternoon

Following the business session, a historical program was enjoyed, Mrs. J. W. Reid reading a very interesting paper on Comander Raphael Simms service during the Confederacy, while a reading from the "Confederate Veteran," was given by Mrs. Alexander.

At the conclusion of the historical program, the hostesses, assisted by Miss Dorothy Goodman and Mrs. J. S. Brown, served delicious sandwiches, ice tea, potato chips, and cheese straws.

Recent Hail and Wind Storm Causes Damage

Damage to crops, soils and other farm property in Cleveland county by recent hail and wind storms will amount to over \$100,000, estimates County Agent R. W. Shoffner.