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F. I. HARTUNG IS ONE OF COUNTY'S BEST FARMERS

Grows 73 to 100 Bushels of Corn Per Acre Without Any Fertilizer

Numbered among Wenona's and Washington County's leading farmers and public-spirited citizens is Mr. F. I. Hartung. He comes of a long line of farmers, dating back to the early settlement of this fertile section of Eastern Carolina.

Last summer, Mr. Hartung grew corn on his farm without any fertilizer and produced 73.9 bushels of corn to the acre. Back in 1917, during his first year in the county, Mr. Hartung grew 104 bushels of corn to the acre without fertilization.

Mr. Hartung is not only a corn grower, but also raises beef cattle extensively. Two years ago he sold in the county approximately \$1,500 worth of beef cattle. Last year he sold more than \$700 worth in Plymouth alone. He believes in good stock, and the effects of the one-crop system does not trouble him.

Mr. Hartung has more than 24 varieties of vegetables in his home garden, and maintains a splendid year-round garden, with an ample supply of canned fruits and vegetables for winter use. Last year, Mrs. Hartung canned for winter use more than 300 quarts of vegetables and fruits and never lost a can. Mrs. Hartung is a splendid home-maker and cook, but Mr. Hartung can tell any housewife how to improve her cooking. He is a kind of expert along the culinary line, and cooks most anything himself.

It was interesting to hear Mr. Hartung tell about his trip down from Illinois, his old home, to the rich, black soil of this undeveloped section of Washington County many years ago. He stated that along with other provisions, he brought a forty-gallon barrel of sauer kraut. He knows how to make a good kraut, and is a firm believer in having a supply of this valuable food in the home.

Mrs. Hartung recently entertained the Wenona Home Demonstration Club, and showed the members how she repaired one of her bedrooms at the small cost of \$3.50. She used a good grade of paper and did the work herself. The work was of an excellent quality. Before the club members went home, they were shown Mrs. Hartung's modernly equipped kitchen, and how she gets her water supply from a 300-foot well.

The Hartung farm is a highly diversified and highly specialized farm, excellently managed, and with very little hired labor, and where animal production supports plant production and plant production supports animal production. In short, Mr. Hartung lives at home, and so-called hard times don't come knocking at his door.

The Wenona people believe in good home and farming equipment and practice what they believe. Some of the homes have steam heat, modern water works, and electric lights. The parents are interested in giving their children the best of advantages, and they waste no opportunity in doing so.

NUMBER BEARS ARE REPORTED

425-Pounder Is Killed in Creswell Community Recently

There may be a bumper crop of snakes in Washington County this season, and all that, but the reptiles have no flies on the huge crop of bears, which have become so numerous in some sections of the county that they have taken to killing hogs right under the owners' noses, according to information furnished The Beacon by Mrs. M. J. Davenport, of the Creswell community. It would seem that Mr. Bruin is running the snakes a close second at any rate.

Mrs. Davenport states that a few nights ago, a huge hog-bear came trotting out across the road, only 25 yards from Will Oliver's house, and nabbed a sow and four pigs. M. J. Davenport weighed the bear and he touched the scales for 425 pounds. The sow only weighed 350 pounds.

The bear was caught by four dogs and five young men. The hog was caught at 10 o'clock during the night, and at 11 o'clock the bear was captured.

Now, if any other county in the State can beat Washington County when it comes to the multiplicity of sow-killing bears, said counties are invited to trot out their bears and dead hogs.

Ground Limestone Boosts Clover Yield

Where ground limestone was used, John D. Simmons, of Altamahaw, route 2, Caswell County, reports red clover growing 43 inches high; where the limestone was not used, the clover

State Assumed Control of All Public Roads in North Carolina Last Wednesday

MOST GIGANTIC UNDERTAKING IN STATE'S HISTORY

4,000 Convicts Also Taken Off Hands of Various Counties

On Wednesday, July 1, of this week an unprecedented event occurred in North Carolina, affecting Washington as well as the other 99 counties in the State. On this day, for the first time in history, and the first State in the United States, North Carolina took over from the counties the job of maintenance and construction of every mile of public road and every bridge in the State, and will assume the responsibility of paying the cost of this tremendous job.

The State also took over around 4,000 county convicts, thus relieving the counties of the burden of their support and maintenance. On July 1, all of the change-gangs and prisoners in jail serving more than 60-day sentences ceased to be fed and clothed and supported by the counties. Hence the State is now serving over 12,000 additional meals daily, of a uniform and balanced food content.

From July 1, the county commissioners have been prohibited from levying a cent of tax to support the maintenance and construction of roads in North Carolina. The State appropriates a minimum of \$6,000,000 to county roads to be derived from the proceeds of 2 cents of the present 6-cent gasoline tax. This automatically lifts from the land and property of the State an ad valorem tax of \$6,000,000 now levied for roads. Three millions of this will be new money, and three millions come from the State aid created by the 1929 General Assembly and largely used by the counties for debt service.

Wednesday of this week the county commissioners and highway commissioners of the 100 counties, or a total of more than 500 men, turned over to a commission of seven men composing the State Highway Commission the combined responsibilities of their duties.

The State Highway Department had already been organized for completing the transfer of the 45,000 miles of county roads and the 4,000 county prisoners. In fact, since before the adjournment of the legislature the entire organization of the highway department had centered its thought on the working out of plans for taking over county roads on Wednesday, July 1.

The commission has laid out and organized the State into districts, and districts into sub-districts. Every mile of road is charged to some one in the State organization. That is to say, every mile of road in every county has a maintenance supervisor responsible to an engineer, in turn responsible to a district engineer, in turn responsible to the State highway department, in turn responsible to the State Highway Commission. And it is believed that in the entire 45,000 miles, less likelihood of any particular road getting lost in the shuffle, and receiving inadequate attention from the maintenance forces, than would have been the case under local responsibility for maintenance.

Governor O. Max Gardner states the highway department and the administration realize that the present organization has of necessity been hastily created and has actually been thrown together within a period of 30 days, and that there will be many changes and adjustments to work out before the organization can reach the maximum of efficiency.

New Demonstration Club Formed in Cross Roads

Mrs. L. Parrisher and Mrs. Lewis were joint hostesses last Tuesday to the new home demonstration club on the Cross Roads. The meeting opened with prayer, after which Miss Covington explained the purpose of the club and outlined the program of work for the year.

Officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Leamon Parrisher, president; Mrs. Lewis, vice president; Mrs. Clyde Chesson, secretary; Mrs. Marrow, assistant secretary; also two wide-awake members were elected to serve on the social committee. Mrs. Marrow was elected canning leader, and it was moved and carried that the club would use the federation steam pressure cooker during the week of July 6th.

Following the business meeting, Miss Covington gave two demonstrations, one on curtains and the other on odd pieces of furniture. Following the demonstration Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Parrisher served delicious lemonade and cake. The meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Clyde Chesson in July.

HEALTH OFFICER URGES CAUTION IN HOME CANNING

Danger in Deadly Botulism When Cold-Pack Process Is Employed

As the season for home canning is now on and probably more produce will be canned this year than any year before this in North Carolina, it is important to repeat a warning recently published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. The Journal statement follows:

"Again attention must be directed to an outbreak of botulism from home-canned vegetables, presumably canned by the so-called cold-pack process. In this, the first outbreak to be recorded for 1931, the causative food epidemiologically was a salad made up from two glass jars of mixture of home-canned string beans, peas, and carrots. The outbreak occurred in Grafton, N. D., following a party given on the night of January 29. Seventeen persons attended the party; 12 are dead, probably all who showed symptoms of botulism.

"Heretofore, home-canned string beans caused outbreaks of botulism far in excess of any other food. Home-canned string beans, even when mixed with carrots and peas, canned by the cold-pack process, are a potential menace to the health. They should always be boiled before being served. Unfortunately, many of the recipes for the home canning of vegetables antedate the present-day knowledge of botulism, and with few exceptions no effort has been made to correct them. Admittedly, it is difficult to reach those who are endangered by foods inadequately preserved in the home. Nevertheless, the public should be told with unrelenting insistence that string beans and every non-acid vegetable may be rendered safe by sterilization for a sufficient time and temperature in a pressure cooker, by drying."

FRIENDLY FIVE CAR COMES HERE

Traveling Broadcasting and Receiving Station Draws Much Attention

A traveling broadcasting station arrived in town yesterday and attracted much attention as it moved through the streets broadcasting a musical program of catchy tunes.

This aerocar is the advance agent of Friendly Five, famous radio star of Friendly Five Footnotes, the coast-to-coast program of Friendly Five shoes over the system of the National Broadcasting company.

Mr. Paul Dean, the driver of the car brought greetings to Mr. Leland Thompson, local distributor of Friendly Five Shoes, and broadcast a special program prepared under Friendly Five's direction, right outside of Mr. Thompson's doors, at Thompson-Clagon, Inc.

The interior of the car is comfortably furnished with wicker chairs. Riding is unusually good, and there is absolutely no vibration at any speed, according to Mr. Thompson who rode in it yesterday.

Mr. Dean is completing a trans-continent tour with his Friendly Five. He has parked in the Boston Commons, on Canal Street, in New Orleans, in La Salle Street, Chicago, and is now on the way to the west coast.

"The purpose of these visits," said Mr. Dean, "is to tell the Friendly Five story, which is simply, that modern equipment, skillfully used, can fashion fine leathers into reasonably priced shoes."

Regular Meeting of Alba Club Friday Afternoon

Mrs. T. S. Allen and Mrs. S. F. Darden entertained jointly the Alba Woman's Club Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Allen.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. George Bowen, followed by the club song and prayer. After the regular business session, the meeting was turned over to Miss Pratt Covington who gave a very interesting and instructive demonstration on arranging odd furniture. She impressed the idea that the variety of furniture should harmonize in each room. The social hour was well enjoyed, during which Mrs. Darden and Mrs. Allen served a delicious ice course with cake and pickles. The meeting was well attended, there being twenty-five ladies present, and four new members were enrolled.

CAPTAIN IS LOST FROM BOAT ON ROANOKE RIVER

Body of Captain Sawyer, of Hertford, Recovered Early Thursday

The body of Captain Sawyer, missing since Tuesday night, was found Thursday morning, floating in the river just above Hampton's Fishery. Full details of the recovery of the body were not available at the time The Beacon went to press. The body was to be brought to a local undertaking establishment, pending an investigation by Martin or Bertie County authorities.

Captain Sawyer, a resident of Hertford, was lost off the tugboat, "Carolina," somewhere between Camp Point fishery and the mouth of the Roanoke River Tuesday night, it was learned here Wednesday morning.

It was nearly 4 o'clock Wednesday morning before the crew missed Captain Sawyer, who was last seen on the stern of the boat cleaning fish. Members of the crew feared that Captain Sawyer had been drowned, but being nearly out of coal sailed from Plymouth early Wednesday morning for Edenton to refuel, after which members of the crew planned to come back and search further for Sawyer.

As we go to press, nothing further had been learned concerning the fate of Captain Sawyer.

CLAYTON HOME HERE ENTERED

Intruder Is Seen in House Monday, But Makes Escape

Monday evening, between 9 and 10 o'clock, some one entered the back window of Mr. D. V. Clayton's home, having first cut the screen to make entrance. Mrs. Clayton, who happened to be visiting next door, noticed a person strolling around in the living room and reception hall of her home and asked Jim Ausbon if he would go over and investigate. Mr. Ausbon found where the party had entered the house and stood there waiting for the thief to come out, but being called by a neighbor to learn what the excitement was, the intruder made his getaway during Ausbon's absence, through the same window. Every door in the house was securely locked before the visit of the plunderer and the doors were left locked.

Mrs. Clayton telephoned her husband, and he immediately rushed home with officers and made a thorough search of the premises but found only traces of the visitor. The only thing that Mrs. Clayton is said to have missed was some silver change she happened to leave on the living room mantel. No one could determine whether the housebreaker was white or colored.

LOCAL STORES TO CLOSE MONDAY

Bank and Post Office Only Institutions to be Closed Saturday

Independence Day, July the Fourth, will be observed by local merchants and business men Monday, July 6, instead of Saturday, it was learned here yesterday by announcement of local business firms.

It is understood that the bank and post-office will close Saturday for the Fourth, but Plymouth proper will observe and celebrate the Fourth on Monday. It is expected that a large number of Plymouth people will spend the day, or part of it, Monday at Reas Beach, where a big celebration in keeping with the holiday is being staged. The management of Reas Beach has announced swimming contests, dancing, boating, fireworks, and two baseball games as a part of the day's program.

Full details of this celebration is being announced elsewhere in today's Beacon.

Schedule of Prices for Curb Market Saturday

Saturday Special, Corn	18c	doz
Eggs, per doz	16c	doz
New Irish potatoes	2c	lb.
Spinach, per pound	7c	
Walnut meats, pound	20c	
Beets, per bunch	4c	
Carrots, per bunch	4c	
Beans (pole) per pound	1-1/2c	
Peaches, per peck	3-1/2c	
Chickens, dressed, hens	27c	
Young chickens on foot	25c	
Huckleberries, quart	15c	
Butter	35c	

Curb market will open on outside Saturday. Bell rings at 8. No selling allowed until bell rings. The town ordinance places a fine of \$5 on those selling on the streets while the curb market is in progress.

Canning Plant Has Started Operations

FIVE CASES ARE HEARD BY JUDGE OWENS TUESDAY

Negro Bound Over Under \$3,000 Bond On Charge Of Assault

Five cases were tried in recorder's court here Tuesday, with Judge Edward L. Owens presiding, and Solicitor Carl L. Bailey representing the State. C. V. W. Ausbon, clerk, was at his usual place, recording the proceedings there.

E. L. Cooper, 37-year-old white man, charged with fraud, entered a plea of nolo contendere, and judgment was suspended on condition that he be of good behavior and pay the cost.

A. R. Alexander, 28-year-old white man, was tried and found guilty of disposing of mortgaged property. He was fined \$5 and the court cost. The defendant appealed to superior court, and bond was fixed at \$100. This was a rather unusual case, in that the plaintiff brought suit after the defendant failed to pay him for a Ford automobile. According to the evidence, it seems that the defendant sold Alexander the car and took a mortgage on his crop. The defendant being a tenant, he claimed that he didn't make enough to pay his rent, and that the livestock, consisting of hogs upon which the plaintiff had a mortgage, all lay down and died.

The defendant stated that he told the plaintiff to come and get the car, as it refused to start for him. Refusing to do this, the plaintiff brought suit. Fred McCloud, 22-year-old colored man, was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, having shot another negro, who is now at the point of death. He was bound over to the superior court on probable cause and bond was fixed at \$3,000.

James Spruill, 40-year-old colored man, was tried and found guilty of violating the prohibition laws. He was given 18 months on the chain gang, but through his attorney appealed to the higher court.

MOUNT HERMON REVIVAL BEGINS

First Service Next Tuesday Night; Continues Until July 12th

The annual revival of the Mount Hermon Church, located just outside of the Cherry Township, will begin Friday, July 3, at 8 o'clock p. m., it was announced yesterday. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Russell, will preach Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday morning and night. On Monday night, Rev. R. L. Heitcox, a former pastor, will preach. Mr. Heitcox will have charge of the remainder of the meeting, closing it Sunday night, July 12th.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services and the members of the church are especially urged to attend and take part in the services.

Roper Methodist Church To Begin Revival Sunday

Roper, June 30.—The annual revival meeting will begin at Roper Methodist church next Sunday night, July 5, Rev. J. Bascom Hurley, pastor, announced yesterday. The meeting will continue through the second Sunday, and Rev. J. R. Edwards, pastor of the Methodist church of Bethel, will do the preaching.

The public is most cordially invited to attend and take part in all of these services. There will be good music and excellent preaching, as Mr. Edwards is recognized as an able preacher and student of the Bible.

Pipelard College Offers Scholarship Valued at \$50

The Roanoke Beacon will give a \$50 scholarship to Pipelard College, located at Salem, to some deserving girl of Washington County, who is planning to enter college this fall. Any girl of limited means who is contemplating going to college this fall and would like to secure this scholarship should get in touch with the management of The Beacon. This has been made possible by Pipelard College, as the college has given the scholarship to The Beacon.

This means that the young lady who secures this scholarship can attend Pipelard College one year for \$220. This pays her board and tuition in the literary department for nine months. Pipelard College is standard, and its work is accepted anywhere in North Carolina and other states.

SHIP FIRST CAR OF TOMATOES HERE TUESDAY

Plant Is Working About 35 Employees Now; Add More Later

The Crockett Packing Company commenced packing green tomatoes here Monday morning at their local plant. However, to date only one car of tomatoes has been shipped, due to the fact that the growers have not started picking in full force as yet. The car was shipped Tuesday.

A force of 35 people are employed at the packing plant here, 15 of whom are girls. These young women are engaged in the wrapping of tomatoes. As the season advances the working force will be increased.

Members of the Crockett Packing Company stated here today that it was expected that the plant would be operating to capacity by next week. The plant is equipped for shipping as high as five carloads of tomatoes daily. It is understood that these tomatoes will be shipped to all sections of the country, including Canada.

Local people are being employed at the packing plant, with the exception of a few experienced men who are in charge.

FINDS THAT HAIR TONIC WILL BURN

Tom Gardner Makes Novel Experiment and Gets Free Singe

Tom Gardner, local young man, had a rather narrow escape here Tuesday when he held a lighted match to his head, which had just received a tonic, to see if the tonic would burn.

It seems that Gardner had just received a tonic at the Modern Barber Shop here and was still in the chair. He is said to have asked the barber if the tonic would burn, and yet after the barber had answered in the affirmative he held a lighted match to his head. The tonic ignited and the flames blazed up, while Gardner yelled for help. There was some hurried scrambling around while the barber smothered out the flames with a towel. As a result, he received a most excellent singe free of charge and a few blisters about his neck and head.

INSTALL LOGDE OFFICERS HERE

C. F. Robbins Is New Master; Large Attendance At Meeting

Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, held its annual installation of officers at the lodge room here Tuesday night of this week. A good attendance was present, and refreshments were served.

The new officers inducted into office were: C. F. Robbins, master; F. O. Watkins, senior warden; Jim Francis, junior warden; Jack Weede, treasurer; Edward L. Owens, secretary; R. E. Tarkenton, senior deacon; S. F. Garrett, junior deacon; Clyde Hassell and Ed Jackson, senior and junior stewards, respectively; and A. A. Bryant, tiler.

T. W. Snell, past master, was the installation officer in charge, and R. H. Lucas delivered an address which was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Lucas presented J. D. Dixon, retiring master, a past-master's jewel, on behalf of the lodge.

Swain Home Club Holds Its Meeting Wednesday

The Swain Club held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. E. Swain. Following the usual devotional and business session, the meeting was turned over to Miss Pratt Covington, home agent, who gave a very interesting demonstration on old furniture. She also showed some lovely pieces of curtains and draperies.

It was decided at this meeting that the club would purchase a steam-pressure cooker.

The hostess, Mrs. Swain, gave a 10-minute demonstration on a recipe for home-made varnish, consisting of equal parts of linseed oil, turpentine, and vinegar. This cleans as well as varnishes.

The hostess served a salad course with ice tea. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. N. C. Vail.

Program of Services At Grace Church Sunday

Rev. A. H. Marshall, rector. Mr. Frith Winslow, Sunday school superintendent. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Holy Communion and sermon at 11. All members of the church are urged to be present at this service Sunday.

Morehead Curb Market Averages \$100 Per Day

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NUMBER COUNTY WOMEN TO BE AT STATE MEETING

Will Be Held at State College in Raleigh; Begins July 27th

Quite a number of farm women from Washington County are planning to attend the farmers and farm women's convention, which is to be held at the State College, Raleigh, during the week beginning July 27, it was announced here yesterday.

Plans are being made to secure a bus and carry a load of local county club women to the short course, which will be held Thursday, July 30, and also the fashion show and State federation meeting. All club members interested in taking this trip should write or get in touch with Miss Pratt Covington, home agent, right away, as seats will be reserved as quickly as requests come in.

The following program has just been received from State College, Raleigh, which outlines the subjects that will be studied during the week:

The general topic around which the program for the week is built is the "Homemaker Himself." Emphasis will also be given to child development work. The course as outlined will include the following: Foods, clothing, house furnishing, home management, child development, and landscaping the premises.

On Wednesday evening, July 29th, the five master farm home makers will receive recognition. The annual meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will be held on Thursday, July 30. This meeting will be in charge of Mrs. Estelle T. Smith. On Thursday morning, over 200 people will take part in a style show. On Friday, July 31, certificates will be awarded to the women who have attended the short course as many as four years. These need not be in succession.

LEE ROY HARRIS IS BADLY HURT

Injures Spine by Diving Into Shallow Water at Beach Near Here

Lee Roy Harris, well known local young man, and formerly editor and owner of The Roanoke Beacon, is confined to his home here suffering with injuries received while diving in the Albemarle Sound one day last week. At first, it was not believed that Mr. Harris was seriously hurt, but it now seems that his spine is injured.

It seems that Mr. Harris dived into water that was too shallow for diving, striking his head on the bottom, resulting in his spine being seriously injured.

Confederate Pension Checks Are Sent Out

C. V. W. Ausbon, clerk of Washington County Superior Court, has just mailed out \$732.25 in Confederate pension checks to the two remaining Confederate veterans and widows of Confederate veterans.

Elder Newsome Henry Harrison, being the only white veteran of the Confederacy, and there is one colored veteran. These received \$282.25, while the widows received \$450.

Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Miss Pratt Covington, home agent, has announced the following schedule for the week beginning July 6th:

Monday, at Plymouth; Tuesday, during the morning, tonsil clinic; afternoon at Hoke; Wednesday, morning, tonsil clinic; afternoon, at Roper; Thursday, morning, tonsil clinic, afternoon, Chapel Hill and Zion Club at Mrs. P. M. Ambrose's home; Friday, morning at tonsil clinic; afternoon at Plymouth; Saturday, curb market, which opens at 8 o'clock.

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