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REPORT HOME WORK DURING MONTH OF JULY

Club Members Can 1,211 Jars of Fruit During the Month of July

By PRATT COVINGTON (Home Demonstration Agent)

During the month the subject for study in the clubs was making sandwich spreads. Three hundred and thirty-three women and 11 visitors attended the meetings.

The canning contest closed on July 17th, and the canning leaders reported 1,211 jars of fruits and vegetables canned to date. Two canning leaders won free trip to the State short course for their good work in this project. One leader sold seven steam pressure cookers, and helped more than 25 women use the steam pressure cooker for the first time.

On July the 17th the garden contest closed. Two members in this project won free trips to the State short course. One member grew more than forty different fruits and vegetables in her garden this year. Another member distributed more than 1,300 plants of new varieties to her club members.

Miss Pauline Smith, district agent, judged the yards entered in the yard improvement contest. A better yard tour was put on and more than 50 people went on the tour. The contest ends October 1st.

Twenty-two steam pressure cookers have been sold since May 1 by the home agent and canning leaders. Some of the clubs have purchased canners and sealers. One club has canned more than 1,000 quarts of vegetables to date.

Sales on the curb market for the month amount to \$211.61. One thousand and one hundred and twenty miles were traveled in conducting the work and 218 individual letters written. There were 63 calls at the office and 19 telephone calls. 51 homes were visited outside of regular club work.

The subject for study for August will be canning fruits and vegetables.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLDS PICNIC

Many Members Had an Enjoyable Time at Gibbs Beach Thursday

Cherry, Aug. 6.—Mount Hermon M. P. Sunday school held its annual picnic at Gibbs Beach last Thursday and a most enjoyable day was had by all. Bathing and other amusements were engaged in. Lunch was served in picnic style.

The following members of the Sunday school were present:

Fida Davenport, Mary S. Davenport, Selma Ambrose, Elizabeth Furlough, Louise and Eugene Davenport, Elmer Ambrose, Elsie Murrine, Vera, Pauline, and Charlotte Phelps; Mrs. Mahala Davenport, Mrs. Ailene Woodley, Mrs. Hilda Phelps, Mrs. Bessie White, Mrs. George Sawyer, Naomi Woodley, Gertrude Davis, Kathryn Woodley, Ruth Phelps, Mayme Davenport, and Barbara Davenport. Chester, Hillie, Steve, Robert, and Glenn Davenport, George Sawyer, Paul Phelps, Dennis and Gerald Phelps, Mrs. Edison Brown, of Swan Quarter, and Mrs. J. C. Russell. Three teachers were also present, they being Mrs. Robert Davenport, Miss Mary L. Davenport, and Miss Ida S. Ambrose.

Cherry Club Members Can At An All-Day Meeting

Creswell, Aug. 11.—The Cherry Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Woodley Ambrose on Tuesday of this week at 8:30 o'clock and held an all-day canning meeting.

Twelve members were present and two new members were enrolled. Two steam pressure cookers were kept busy all day and one hundred and eleven pints of fruit and vegetables were canned.

Miss Covington, home demonstration agent, could not be present but the meeting proved a success and every one had a very enjoyable time.

Billygoat and Wagon Stir Memories of Local People

Vivid memories were stirred here Wednesday morning of a day that has gone, when a couple of small negro boys drove a black billygoat through the streets of Plymouth, hitched to a small wagon, with a trailer fastened onto the rear.

A number of the older citizens were heard to state that when they were youths it was the ambition of their life to have a billygoat and a wagon. Later on, bicycles and toy automobiles and the like have practically supplanted the one-time popular billygoat, notwithstanding, according to the song, "Mr. Billygoat coughed up a red shirt and flagged down the train."

Mayor Suggests Letting Policemen Handle Work At Town's Water Plant

YELLOW JACKETS

Waynesville, Aug. 11.—Two yellowjackets he swallowed Sunday while eating an apple nearly cost the life of Onie Pressley, Haywood County farmer, who is recovering at a hospital here after suffering intense pain and poisoning from the stings.

Pressley, suffering agony after the yellowjackets stung the tender membrane of his throat, managed to dislodge them alive. He was unable to speak until today, when his throat responded to treatment.

Physicians said his life was saved with difficulty as the poison had spread through his body.

BETTER GRADES OF TOBACCO ARE SELLING WELL

Lake City, (S. C.), Market Averages \$20.10 for the Best Quality Grades

Reports coming from the border markets this week were a little more encouraging; however, general averages continue low, it was stated. On the Lake City, S. C., market, the better quality tobaccos averaged around \$20, but the low grades commanded the same poor prices paid since the opening more than a week ago.

Fairmont had an average of \$10.12. This was higher on the corresponding day last year.

Lumberton's average was \$9.51, practically the same that it was on the same day last year.

Clarkton had an average of \$11.39 and Whiteville an average of \$8.

Whiteville, Aug. 10.—Prices on the Whiteville market took a climb upwards today when 91,898 pounds sold at an average of \$8 per hundred. Today's advance in average price was due to an increased offering of the better grades of tobacco. Common and low grades are not in demand, and the prices are very low. Growers are showing an inclination to sell their poorest grades first and hold the best leaf off the market in anticipation of higher prices. Scores of growers today stated that their crop will not be more than three-fourths of last year's. Dry weather did untold damage, and in some localities rot seriously cut down the crop, growers said.

Fairmont Has Good Sale

Fairmont, Aug. 10.—Prices advanced today on all second grade primings and first primings of color and grain. Second primings ranged from \$21 to \$35 a hundred. W. P. Floyd, of near Marietta, sold two baskets of first primings weighing a total of 928 pounds for respectively \$16 and \$18 a hundred. These were bought by Reynolds and Liggett and Myers.

Official sales today were 227,614 pounds at an average of \$10.12.

Lumberton, Aug. 10.—Tobacco prices on the Lumberton market reached a new high level for the season when 130,090 pounds were sold for an average of \$9.51, which is only 4 cents per hundred lower than the corresponding day last year. This was by far the best break of tobacco here, even though it contained a large percentage of sand lugs. Many farmers expressed keen satisfaction in their sales.

Clarkton Farmers Pleased

Clarkton, Aug. 10.—Sales were very light on the Clarkton market today. The quality and prices were very much improved. Farmers were better pleased than at any time since the season began. Sales were 20,106 pounds, which brought an average of \$11.39 per 100 pounds.

Georgia Averages \$7.56 Last Week
Atlanta, Aug. 10.—Marcus McWhorter, chief statistician of the Department of Agriculture, announced today that 11,622,807 pounds of tobacco were sold in Georgia by growers last week at an average price of 7.56 cents a pound.

This compares with 29,286,978 pounds at an average of 12.52 cents for the same week a year ago, and 6,756,182 pounds at an average of 7.33 cents for the previous week this year.

Leland Thompson Returns From New York Markets

Leland Thompson, owner and manager of the Thompson-Clagon store here, has just returned from a trip to New York City where he went to purchase fall and winter merchandise.

Mr. Thompson stated that New York business men were pleased with the present business outlook and were expecting a good winter. Mr. Thompson's new merchandise will start arriving within the next few days.

MATTER TABLED; WILL LIKELY BE TAKEN UP AGAIN

Mayor Will Donate Salary If Recommendations Are Carried Out

At a meeting of the city council here last Friday night, Mayor A. L. Owens recommended that the town cut off the day and night man at the water plant and let the day and night policemen take over this work. Mayor Owens gave as his reasons for this recommendation that the town was deeply in debt, and that such an action would save the city \$2,080 per year, this being the amount paid in salaries to the two men working at the water plant.

The board discussed the matter at some length, but finally tabled it until a later meeting. However, Councilman Jackson asked Mayor Owens if he would be willing to donate \$149 of his salary to the town, in the event his recommendation should be carried out. Mr. Owens receives \$12.50 per month as salary for being mayor, or \$150 per year. The mayor readily stated that he would donate his salary to the town providing the provisions in his recommendation was carried out.

Among other things done at this meeting was the purchasing of a 40-foot tower from the Lucas farm to put the fire siren on. The tower will be erected here within the immediate future.

The board also hired Williams and Company, of Raleigh, to make an audit of the town books, the audit to start immediately.

It was also decided to make an effort to sell the old power plant machinery and equipment at the very earliest possible date for as good a price as found available. A motion was made and carried that the board of councilmen hold a regular monthly meeting on the first Monday night of each month.

WM. TARKENTON DIES IN BERKLEY

Many Pleasant Grove People Attend Last Rites In Virginia City

Pleasant Grove, Aug. 11.—Mr. J. C. Tarkenton was notified Thursday of last week of the death of his brother, William Tarkenton, in Berkley, who a victim of heart trouble.

The deceased was born and reared in the Pleasant Grove community, at the old Tarkenton home place. He was a son of the late J. C. Tarkenton and Mollie S. Tarkenton.

Funeral services were held Friday at Berkley, and a number of Pleasant Grove people attended.

For a number of years, Mr. Tarkenton had been employed by the Norfolk-Southern railway, in the capacity of conductor. Besides his wife, the deceased is survived by a son, William, jr., his mother, Mrs. Mollie Tarkenton, and several sisters and brothers.

WARNS CARELESS DRIVERS OF CARS

Cites Ordinance Prohibiting Use of Cut-outs and Speeding

Chief P. W. Brown announced today that he was giving final warning to automobile drivers who make it a practice to drive about the streets of the town with their cut-outs open, making a lot of noise, and also for speeding within the city limits.

Chief Brown stated that there were city ordinances against driving an automobile with the cut-out open and also against speeding and reckless driving in general. From now on, the Chief stated that he was going to start arresting everybody and anybody caught violating these ordinances.

Mr. Brown explained that driving with cut-outs open at night disturbed people from sleep, and that speeding endangered the lives of pedestrians on the streets, as well as resulting in collisions and wrecks.

Willie Mizelle Is Badly Cut On Forehead by Stove Wood

Willie Mizelle, young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mizelle, of Long Acre Road, received an ugly wound on the forehead just above the eye last Friday morning when a stick of stove wood which he was chopping flew up and struck him. He was brought to Plymouth for medical treatment.

TOBACCO CROP IN COUNTY OF GOOD QUALITY

Many Farmers State They Have Their Best Crop In Many Years

According to various farmers interviewed within the past few days, Washington County farmers, as a general thing, have the best quality of tobacco this year that they have ever had, or at least the best quality they have had for years. There is less acreage this year in tobacco than last year, but it is believed the farmers will more than make up in price, due to the extra quality of the weed than they received last year.

The reduction in the tobacco acreage has been placed in corn, stock peas, and vegetables. More canning of vegetables and fruits have been done this year in Washington County than ever before. And while the farmers will not have as much of the money crops for sale this year as heretofore, they will be better provided to live during the winter. There has been a great awakening in this county to the importance of first making a living on the farm and letting the money crops take second place.

R. A. WILLIFORD STORE MOVED

Mr. E. H. Liverman Now Conducting Big Sale In Corner Store

R. A. Williford, one of Plymouth's oldest merchants, who for several years has been conducting a grocery and dry goods store in the corner building opposite the Brickley Hotel on Water Street, has sold the dry goods and ready to wear stock to E. H. Liverman, another well-known merchant here, and has moved his grocery stock to a new building at his home on Highway Number 90, just opposite the new Sinclair Filling Station.

The dry goods and ready-to-wear stock were sold to Mr. Liverman during the latter part of last week, and Mr. Williford moved his stock of groceries to his new location Monday of this week.

Mr. Liverman is staging a sale of the Williford stock of dry goods and ready-to-wear in the old Williford stand this week, starting Thursday and lasting for ten days. Both Mr. Liverman and Mr. Williford are carrying advertisements in other sections of today's paper, announcing these changes, etc.

Mr. Williford stated that he planned to continue to carry a full line of staple and fancy groceries at his new location.

SNOW FALLS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Weather Report from South Dakota Reads Like Fairy Tale

It sounds as if it might be a goodly story, the report from South Dakota stating that snow fell there early this week.

The report coming out of Watertown, S. D., reads:

"Snow in August!"

"A very fine, light snow, sufficient to be identified, fell for a few minutes Monday. The weather was cloudy and threatening and the temperature at 7 a. m. was 56 degrees above zero."

"Percy Albrook, official weather observer, said the snow came in two squalls and melted before touching the ground."

Hundreds of Sparrows Killed During Storm

Greenville, Aug. 7.—Several hundred English sparrows were either electrocuted or drowned during the terrific thunderstorm which swept over Greenville Wednesday night, it was revealed following a check-up on the premises on Albemarle Avenue.

The home is surrounded by several magnolia and pine trees and the morning after the storm the ground was literally covered with dead birds.

It was impossible to say how the birds met death, but opinion was expressed that they were either electrocuted by a bolt of lightning, or drowned during the torrential downpour of rain which continued several hours during the early part of the night.

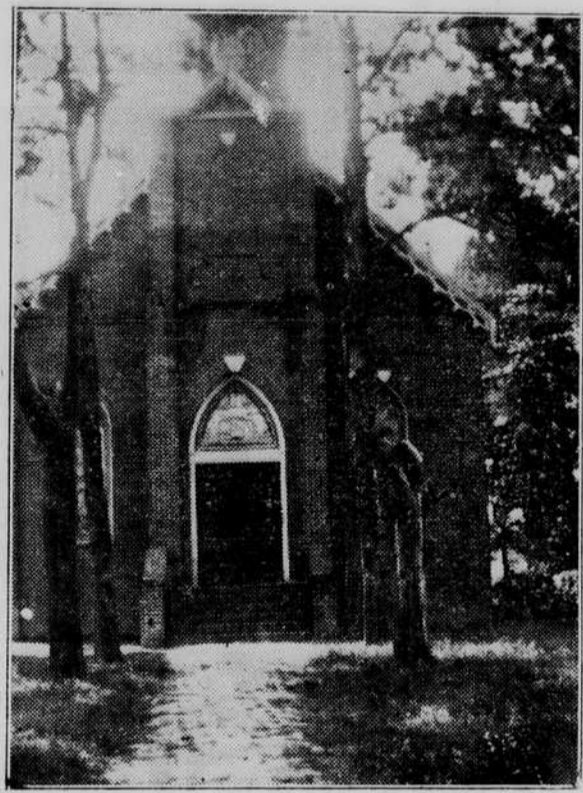
President Hoover Was 58 Years Old Last Sunday

Washington, August 10.—A little grayer at the temples and with a few more wrinkles around his face, President Hoover entered his 58th year today burdened by international and domestic problems.

But he was still smiling and apparently physically fit to meet any vexing problem.

County Property Valuation To Total About \$8,000,000

PLYMOUTH M. E. CHURCH



The new Plymouth Methodist Episcopal Church which was opened last Sunday. The church is over 100 years old, and has played a big part in Methodism in this section of the State.

CHANGES MADE IN GAME LAWS EFFECTIVE 1931

Open Season on Squirrels Begins September 1 This Year

The 1931 session of the General Assembly of North Carolina made a number of changes in the game laws of the State, the most important affecting this section being briefly summarized as follows open seasons and bag limits:

Squirrel: September 1 to December 31. Bag limit, 10 in one day.

Rabbit: May be killed with gun at any time, but hunted with dogs November 20 to February 15. No bag limit.

Deer, buck: September 15 to January 1. Bag limit, 2 in one day, 4 during season.

Deer, doe: Season closed until September 1, 1933.

Fur bearers: Raccoon, mink, opossum, skunk, otter, and muskrat: With dog and gun October 1 to February 15. Trapping November 15 to February 15th.

Quail: November 20 to February 15. Bag limit, 10 in one day.

Wild Turkey: November 20 to February 15. Bag limit, 2 in one day, 5 during season.

Dove: November 20 to January 31. Bag limit, 25 in one day.

Pheasants: Season closed until September 1, 1933.

Woodcock: December 1 to December 31. Bag limit, 4 in one day.

Duck, geese, brant, and coot: November 1 to January 15. Bag limit, 15 ducks in one day, 4 geese, and 8 brant.

Swan, wood duck, and eider duck: No open season.

Species unprotected are: Wild cat, English sparrows, Great Horned Owl, Cooper's and Sharp-shinned hawks, crows, blackbirds, jays, and buzzards.

BANANAS SELL AT 25 CENTS A LOAD

Baltimore Market Glutted This Week; Dump 3,000 Bunches in Ocean

Tobacco is selling low; cotton hit a new low bottom this week; wheat is commanding a pitiful price; but bananas at Baltimore ushered in the most ridiculously low prices of any commodity yet offered for sale, it is believed.

Bananas were selling for 25 cents a wagon-load at the piers in Baltimore this week, and one vessel that had arrived from Central America put out to sea with 3,000 bunches to be dumped into the ocean.

Approximately 100,000 bunches of bananas have been shipped into the Maryland port every week for some time, and the market is glutted. Rather than have the fruit rot in the holds of the steamers, the importing companies have been disposing of the cargoes to street peddlers and middlemen for little or nothing.

TAX RATE TO BE AROUND 40 CENTS LOWER THAN 1930

Rate of Levy Will Probably Be \$1.60 on the \$100 Valuation

The property valuation of Washington County for the year 1931 has been fixed at \$6,040,453, not including the corporate excess, which is taxes of corporations in the county. However, it is expected that the corporate excess will bring the grand total valuation for the county up to approximately \$8,000,000, more or less.

In this event, the general county-wide tax rate will probably be fixed at \$1.55 to \$1.60 per \$100 of property. The general county-wide tax rate for last year was \$2.03 per \$100 of property. Therefore, it is surmised that the tax rate for this year will be from 40 to 48 cents lower on the \$100 worth of property than that of last year. However, this is only a surmise, as the county has not received the amount of the corporate excess.

The valuation of property in the county last year was \$6,187,129, and the corporate excess was \$1,813,785, making the total property valuation for the county exactly \$8,000,914.

The valuation of the various townships in the county is as follows:

Plymouth Township, \$2,287,538; last year it was \$2,328,590; Lee's Mills Township, for this year, \$1,952,295; for last year, \$2,016,642; Skimmersville Township, for this year \$630,301; for last year \$625,150; Scuppernon Township, for this year, \$1,170,319; for last year, \$1,216,747.

Just as soon as the valuation for the corporate excess from the State is received, the county-wide tax rate will be determined. Announcement will be carried in this paper just as soon as the tax rate is fixed.

MANY RENEWING SUBSCRIPTIONS

Others Invited To Take A Part in Roanoke Beacon Renewal Campaign

If you want to be in style, join in the parade to the Beacon office and renew your subscription for another year, or two years, as many folks are doing. People galore have been calling at the Beacon office and forking over the long green in payment of their subscriptions.

We know that nobody is suffocated with money these days, but most everybody has enough to spare for paying up their subscription to the county paper. You'll feel better after you have paid for another year and you'll enjoy reading the paper more. Remember that the Roanoke Beacon, the home newspaper, is a county institution and can and will be a mighty influence for the development and progress of the county in proportion to the support it receives from the people of this county. No county or community can develop or progress any faster than the home newspaper.

The following people have renewed their subscriptions to the Roanoke Beacon during the past few days:

W. C. Harrison, J. H. Styrone, C. A. Swain, Mrs. H. T. Jackson, C. W. Bowen, W. H. Oliver, J. F. Sawyer, Dr. C. W. Bailey, R. A. Turner, Isaac Spear, W. T. Curles, Ralph Smith, F. E. Bratten, J. E. Askew, Edgar Bateman, Ben A. Sumner, Mrs. W. H. Turner, Mrs. Sarah Swain, Jesse D. Furlough, Edward S. Blount, W. C. Brewer, Teadie Mae Gibbs, S. A. Allen, Ralph L. Simmons, Luther Harrison, J. H. Leggett.

We hope to have this many more names to publish by next week, so come on and bring your subscription in and let's see how many names we can have by next week.

Recorder Hears One Case In Court Here Tuesday

Lee Roy Harris, well-known local young man, was haled into recorder's court here Tuesday morning, charged with seduction of D. Ella Davenport, young woman of the Creswell section. The defendant was bound over to superior court on probable cause, bond having been fixed at \$500.

Solicitor Carl L. Bailey represented the state, while Attorney W. L. Whitley represented the defendant. The prosecuting witness and her parents took the stand and testified, the defense having offered no testimony. It is expected that this case will be tried during the special term of August superior court.

This was the only case tried in recorder's court here Tuesday.

NEW USE

Chicago, Aug. 11.—If the price of cotton falls much further, William Wrigley, Jr., said today that he probably would use it instead of excelsior to pack his chewing gum.

Wrigley, multi-millionaire business man, owner of the Chicago Cubs, and developer of California's famous Catalina Island, started five months ago to trade gum for cotton in the South. At the time cotton was selling for about 12 cents a pound, Corton since has gone down to 6.80 cents, leaving Wrigley with a large paper loss. "But, as we said originally," Wrigley added, "we will continue to buy cotton with the proceeds of all gum sold in the South, no matter how low the price goes, until December 1."

ROPER SCOUTS ENJOY OUTING

Return This Week From Bayview After Several Days Stay There

Mackees, Aug. 11.—The recently organized patrol of Roper Boy Scouts accompanied by Scoutmaster E. N. Riddle and assistant Scoutmaster R. E. Forbes, have just returned from a week's camping trip at Bayview. While there, the scouts divided their time between the regular scout work, play, boating and swimming.

On Sunday the parents of a number of the boys went down and spent the day with the troop. After observing the splendid cooperation between the boys and the scoutmaster, the parents greatly appreciate the services of Messrs. Riddle and Forbes for their interest in the boys. A great work is being accomplished, as the scouts are taught useful work and to do a good turn each day.

MANY FARMING TOO MUCH LAND

10 Acres of Land Plenty To Make Living Say Some Authorities

A recent press dispatch states: Many farmers who are unable to "make a living" on 25 acres of land would find it easier if they worked only 10 acres. We have in mind one foreigner who came to North Carolina and purchased 10 acres of land. Some of the neighbors inquired of the newcomer if he thought he could make a living on 10 acres. His reply was that if he couldn't he would sell five acres."

It requires two acres of land to feed the average American according to an article in Good Health magazine. The story points out that while it takes 2 acres to produce enough food for the average American, only one acre is required to provide food for the average German, half an acre to feed a Chinaman, and one-fourth an acre for a Japanese. The difference doesn't come about, it is pointed out, in the amount of food consumed by the members of the different races, but by the difference in diet.