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MISS COVINGTON MAKES REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Says County Club Women Have Canned 28,000 Quarts of Food

During the month the clubs studied commercial and home-made rugs. The different kinds of rugs were studied as to value, kind of material used in making, grade of material used, thickness, and durability. A display of hooked rugs was shown in connection with the demonstration, and a number of commercial rug samples.

345 women attended the meetings during the month, and 12 new members were added to the club enrollment. A canning and a garden leader was selected in every club for next year's canning and garden projects.

The canning leaders made a complete report at the county federation Friday, October 1st, and reported that in the 14 clubs in the county 28,346 quarts of fruits and vegetables had been canned. The report is as follows: Scuppernon, 2,241; Roper, 1,101; Wenona, 2,500; Albemarle, 1,377; Chapel Hill, 2,000; Cherry, 3,803; Beech Grove, 1,774; Cross Roads, 1,451; Alba, 3,001; Creswell, 2,016; Pleasant Grove, 1,200; Swan, 1,554; Piney Grove, 1,528; and Hoke, 2,000.

Between 350 and 400 people attended the federation meeting held in Roper last Friday. All the clubs made excellent reports, and four clubs had 100 per cent of their club members present. Miss Pauline Smith awarded the prizes in the yard contest and made a splendid talk on improving the home grounds. Those winning prizes were: Mrs. Charlie Bowen, first prize; Mrs. Bowen was given a \$12.50 steam pressure cooker. Mrs. Frank Wilson, second prize. Mrs. Wilson was given a year's subscription to House Beautiful. The following five entrants received a year's subscription to the American Home Magazine: Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Mrs. Clint Tarkington, Mrs. T. R. Chesson, Mrs. Ethel Smith, and Mrs. S. A. Holton.

One circular letter was sent to the club members and 112 individual letters written. Four ladies from Edenton visited our curb market for the purpose of making plans for organizing one in their county, and six women from Tyrrell County attended our county federation. There were 116 calls at the office, 7 home calls, and 5 telephone calls. 1,121 miles were traveled in conducting the work, and 31 homes visited during the month. Two State specialists visited the county to help with the work, and one conference was attended in Washington, N. C.

The clubs will study window draperies during October, and as much individual work in house furnishing will be done as possible.

RETAIL FOOD PRICES GO UP

Increase Is Small, However, Only About 1-2 of 1 Per Cent

Washington, Sept. 22.—Retail prices of food in Richmond and Norfolk followed the trend of the prices throughout the country during the month ended August 15.

The Labor Statistics Bureau of the Department of Labor, issuing a compilation of prices in 51 cities of the country today, said retail food prices for the country showed an average increase of slightly over one-half of 1 per cent on August 15, as compared with July 15, but there was an average decrease of about 16 2-3 per cent since August 15, last year.

In Richmond and Norfolk, the increase for the month amounted to less than one-half of 1 per cent, while for the year Richmond showed an increase of 19 per cent and Norfolk showed an increase of 18 per cent.

To Seek Impeachment of Secretary Andy Mellon

Washington, Sept. 28.—Representative Wright Patman, Democrat, Texas, today said he would institute impeachment proceedings against Secretary Mellon as soon as the new Congress convened in December.

The Texan intends to base the proceedings on charges that the Secretary of the Treasury has violated the obligations of his office by maintaining an interest in private business.

Patman said that while Mr. Mellon is not a member of the board of directors of the Aluminum Corporation, that he is still a stockholder and as such has a voice in the election of members of the board.

The Texan also said he will show Mr. Mellon is a large stockholder in the Koppers Corporation, which he said is erecting a \$200,000,000 iron and steel plant in the Ural Mountains for the Soviet.

Fire Department to Sponsor Entertainment, Friday 16th

The Plymouth Fire Department will give a variety entertainment, consisting of two short plays, monologues, sketches, etc., at the city high school auditorium Friday night, October 16, at 8 o'clock. The entire fire company, comprising 28 people, are taking part in this entertainment.

The company has been practicing for a number of weeks under the direction of Mrs. W. T. Nurney, and the program is expected to be one of the best, if not the

best, ever presented here by local talent. It is understood that a number of local characters are to be impersonated by such stars as Bill Waters and Jim Ausbon. Those who saw the last play given here by the fire department will remember these two characters, Bill and Jim.

There will be a small admission fee charged, and the proceeds will be used by the fire department in the promotion of the work.

10 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED

Number Wedding in This County Continues Very Small

Wedding bells didn't ring very much in Washington County during the month of September, judging from the sale of licenses at the register of deeds' office here. Only ten licenses were sold and four of these were to colored people. The licenses issued were as follows:

White: Bruce H. Phelps of Creswell, and Elsie Barnes, of Creswell; Wm. H. Patree, of Mackeys, and Ola Mae Chesson, of Mackeys; Albert L. Harrington, of Camden, and Ethel A. Pinkham, of Plymouth; Aubrey R. Phelps, of Roper, and Helen Bray, of Roper; Edward W. Ayers, of Plymouth, and Sarah E. Roughton, of Plymouth; J. M. Craddock, of Mackeys, and Julia A. Cahoon, of Mackeys.

Colored: Lonnie J. Young, of Plymouth, and Catherine Ellis, of Plymouth; Isaac Rawson, and Ferrell Rhoads, both of Roper; James Boston, of Plymouth; and Vergie Biggs, of Jamestown; Willie Bennett and Hattie Toodle, both of Plymouth.

PUT COTTON IN A GOOD CONDITION BEFORE GINNING

Cotton delivered to the gin in proper condition will pay an extra profit to the grower. Extremely wet or dry cotton is hard to gin and means a loss to grower, ginner, buyer and consumer.

"Savings of from 60 cents to as high as \$5.00 a bale have been made on cotton through artificial drying," says Charles A. Bennett, engineer of the U. S. Cotton Ginning Laboratory at Stoneville, Miss. "The cost of this drying is from 40 to 90 cents a bale, depending upon the moisture content."

Mr. Bennett points out that the moisture content varies with the different regions. Cotton from the Mississippi Delta has an excessive content while that from dry or arid regions is sometimes too dry for the best ginning. The laboratory is now working on the problem of finding the desirable amount of moisture for all regions, he states.

Where the cotton is dried at the plantation, growers should have it ginned as soon as it is in proper condition. Otherwise the cotton will absorb moisture and the grower will take a loss through imperfect ginning.

Mr. Bennett states that few plantations have sufficient storage facilities for proper drying and for that reason artificial drying is becoming popular with the larger growers. The common method of storing seed cotton on the porches of tenant houses and under sheds causes the cotton to become too wet.

Studies in artificial drying were begun at the laboratory in 1926 and two driers have been developed which are inexpensive to build and are also well suited for use by the grower, says Mr. Bennett. The two machines are described in a circular entitled, "Driers for Seed Cotton," and copies may be had by writing the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering, Washington City.

Schedule of Prices for Curb Market Announced

Curb market prices announce	
Beans, per lb	5c
Butter beans, per quart	25c
Butter, per lb	30c
Eggs, per dozen	25c
Young chickens	23c
Turnip salad, per pound	5c
Turnips, per bunch	8c
Radishes, per bunch	5c
Irish potatoes, per lb.	1 1-2c
Sweet potatoes, peck	20c

Burke Farmers Go In Strong For Poultry

Thirteen farmers in Burke County have 2,342 breeding birds after culling and blood-testing their flocks for disease and laying ability.

TEACHERS AND PARENTS MEET ROPER FRIDAY

Organization Is Perfected With Election of Officers

Roper, Oct. 7.—The Parent-Teacher Association of the Roper Graded School held its first meeting of the new term Friday night, October 2nd, in the school auditorium with the new officers in charge. The new officers are Mrs. J. Bascom Hurley, president; Mrs. J. C. Jackson, vice president; Mrs. A. E. Davenport, treasurer; Miss Sally Taylor, recording secretary; and Mrs. W. B. Chesson, corresponding secretary.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. R. L. Hethcox, of Triplett, Va.

It was voted and carried that each grade in school select a grade mother and father. A prize will be awarded to the grade having the greatest percentage of parents present at each meeting. The prize committee selected was Mrs. L. S. Pray, Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton, and Miss Carrie Jane Herman.

An objective program was suggested by Mr. E. N. Riddle, involving library work, playground equipment, and school ground improvement. A committee to work on the library improvement was appointed, consisting of Mr. E. N. Riddle, Mrs. W. B. Chesson, and Miss Ruth McKellar.

The program committee is Mrs. W. G. Bell, chairman; Mrs. B. G. O'Brien and Mr. E. N. Riddle.

A splendid and enjoyable program was sponsored for this meeting.

A vocal solo by Mrs. J. A. Chesson, a reading by Mrs. L. S. Bray, a quartet by Messrs. R. W. Lewis, Jesse Knowles and Mesdames Milton Chesson and Louis Mizelle, were enjoyed, as was an appropriate comic recitation by Mrs. A. E. Davenport.

There will be a monthly meeting of the association on Friday night, October 30, and an interesting program will be rendered by the members.

SHEEP FARMING IN THIS STATE

Turn To Sheep on Farm Flock Basis for Another Source of Income

Landowners seeking sources of additional income and a market place for surplus forage and other feed-stuffs may turn to sheep on the farm flock basis.

"Farm flocks of sheep may be put in to advantage particularly in eastern Carolina where there are few sheep at present," suggests John E. Foster, animal husbandman at State College. "The low price of cotton, damage by boll weevil and the need for more balanced farming methods is already causing many alert farmers in this section to add a few sheep. There are few farms on which there is not some waste land, some pasture or some extra forage crops which may be used to advantage in feeding sheep."

Foster says the native ewe lambs may be crossed with pure bred rams to build up the flocks to where the lambs will be heavier than their dams. These cross-bred lambs will also have better quality wool and a closer conformation type. Farm flocks developed in this way may provide spring lambs for sale to the nearby markets furnished by the large cities of the East.

Sheep fit in well on any general farm, believes Mr. Foster. They glean from the fields that which would otherwise be wasted and they keep many injurious weeds under control. In eastern Carolina the flocks may be grazed throughout the year by turning them on cover crops after the ewes may soon be turned into a profitable investment on any Carolina farm, believes Mr. Foster.

PLEASANT GROVE CLUB WINS CUP WITH 110 SCORE

Cherry Club Is Close Second With 109 Points; Other Records

The Pleasant Grove Club won the silver trophy cup at the county federation meeting Friday in Roper with a score of 110 points. The next highest score was the Cherry Club, with a total score of 109 points. The Cherry Club had every member present, which made their score 109, and the nine new members gave them nine points. The Pleasant Grove Club had every member present except two, which made their score 98, and with the 12 points for new members present, their score totaled 110—just 1 point more than the Cherry Club.

The Cross Roads Club had every member present which was a fine score for that club. The Cross Roads club is only a few months old, but there is no club in the county more wide-awake. The club is composed of a splendid group of good leaders.

Below is the report of the Pleasant Grove Club activities for the past nine months, as written by Mrs. Della Chesson, secretary:

Words can not express the pleasure and benefit we have derived from our club meetings this year. Our club has 23 members on roll, and we add new members to our roll at practically every meeting. We have had especially good attendance this year. We feel that our meetings have been helped very much by each leader giving a 10-minute demonstration at each meeting in connection with that given by our home agent.

Our canning leader attended the meeting in Greenville. Our club has canned to date 1,200 quarts of fruits and vegetables, and several members plan to can fresh meats this winter.

Never before in the history of our club has there been as much interest shown as in the yard improvement campaign. Our leader was one of the outstanding leaders and won one of the prizes offered. Ten of our members have been encouraged by her to improve their yards considerably.

We can see by entering the homes what splendid work has been accomplished by Miss Covington. We will see pictures rehung, floors have been refinished, and furniture rearranged. Every member knows more about rugs and has taken interest in all the subjects studied in the clubs this year.

We give Miss Covington a big share for the successful year we have had.

STATE HOLDING FIFTH PLACE IN WOOD PRODUCTS

North Carolina entrenched herself still further as the leader in the manufacture of wooden bedroom and dining room furniture had maintained her position as the fifth State in the manufacture of all kinds of wooden household furniture is rapidly gaining in popularity over metal furniture. The value of wooden household furniture produced in the United States increased from \$572,488,443 in 1927 to \$611,680,810 in 1929, or by 6.8 per cent; while during the same period metal household furniture declined by 24.6 per cent, or from \$40,390,229 to \$30,443,464.

In North Carolina bedroom furniture makes up the largest portion of the total value of all furniture manufactured. In 1929 this item alone amounted to more than half the total value of all household furniture, or \$27,702,092, as compared with \$26,523,852 in 1927. The second most important class of furniture produced in this State is wooden dining room furniture. In 1929 this item was valued at \$13,735,485, which represented a slight decline as compared with the 1927 valuation of \$14,408,118. Living room furniture ranks third in value, amounting to \$9,244,988 in 1929, as compared with \$7,643,494 in 1927. Porch furniture increased in value from \$291,904 in 1927 to \$646,578 in 1929; hall furniture from approximately eleven thousand to about thirty-seven thousand dollars in 1929; and miscellaneous and unclassified items increase from \$377,895 in 1927 to \$612,792 in 1929.

In 1929 all wooden household furniture manufactured in North Carolina amounted in value to \$53,414,111, which represented an increase of 4.6 per cent over the \$50,996,065 worth of wooden furniture manufactured for household use in 1927.

Conservation officials pointed out that the value of metal and fibre furniture is not included in the above totals for North Carolina as those figures are not yet available. In 1927, these two items amounted to more than two and a half million dollars. Assuming that the 1929 valuations were as great as those of 1927, and they were perhaps greater, the total value of all kinds of furniture manufactured in the State would approximately fifty-six million dollars.

400 Attend Federation Meet Held at Roper Last Friday

SEVERAL CASES DISPOSED OF IN COUNTY COURT

Several Fines and One Sentence to Roads Are Meted Out

The local recorder's court made an improvement over last Tuesday here this week when a number of cases were tried and disposed of. It will be remembered that not a single case was docketed for trial here last week, a rather unusual thing. Cases tried on Tuesday of this week were:

W. E. Pridgen, charged with giving bad checks, was called and failed.

H. C. Brinn was tried on bad check charges and found guilty. Judgment was suspended upon condition that the defendant make good a \$67 check and pay the court costs.

Martin Eaves, 42-year-old colored man, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon. He was fined \$75 and the cost of the court.

Henry Moore, 19-year-old colored youth, was tried and found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon. He was given three months on the roads.

Alex Cooper and E. R. Jackson, charged with operating a car without lights, were tried and found guilty. They were allowed to go free this time by paying the court cost.

PRETTY YARD IS DESIRE OF MANY

May Be Built at Small Cost By Use of Native Shrubbery

A beautiful yard is more a matter of desire and appreciation than it is a question of money to invest in the yard. Beautiful yards may be built at small cost by using native shrubbery properly placed.

"If one can catch a vision of low shrubs growing about the base of the house and taller shrubs softening the corners, it will not be a hardship to go to the swamps in eastern Carolina or the hills and mountains in western Carolina and get a supply suitable to the needs of each section," says Miss Georgia Piland, Tyrrell County home agent and expert in yard improvement. "Our swamps and mountains abound in native shrubs which are better suited to our needs than many we can buy and the only thing necessary to beautify the yard is a little planning and work."

Miss Piland held special classes in yard beautification at the recent short course for farm women held at State College and her lectures were some of the most popular on the program.

She pointed out that landscaping the premises means more than simply planting the front yard. There are three areas to consider. Each of these calls for special attention. There is the front or public area, the private area and the service area.

Keep the wide expanse of the lawn undisturbed and plant shrubs at the base of the house, in clumps near the entrance gate, or as a background along the border to enhance the richness of flowers, said Miss Piland. One should also keep in mind the congeniality of plants. Many charming effects are lost by placing hardy, coarse leaved plants too near the more delicate varieties. A few berry bearing shrubs should be included to add interest throughout the season.

"Trees about the house are our best friends," said Miss Piland. "If you do not have them now, get them and protect them."

Town Council Has Brief Session Monday Night

The town council held its regular monthly meeting here Monday night at the city hall, with Mayor A. L. Owens presiding. However, only routine business was taken up at this meeting, which consisted for the most part in paying bills.

Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

The home demonstration agent, Miss Pratt Covington, announces her schedule for next week as follows:

Monday, Scuppernon; Tuesday, Cherry; Wednesday, Roper; Thursday, Wenona; Friday, Plymouth; Saturday, curb market.

On several Moor county farms tobacco was so badly damaged by rains and disease that it was plowed under for soil improvement.

TO MARK GRAVES

The local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are planning to place markers at all the unmarked graves of Confederate soldiers in the county. Therefore, it is essential that they be informed of every unmarked grave.

Any person living in this county who knows of any Confederate soldier's grave that is unmarked, should notify Mrs. T. L. Bray, of Plymouth, or the Roanoke Beacon office.

URGES PLACING OF COTTON IN POOL THIS YEAR

Advance Good Reasons for Pooling Present Crop In This State

Raleigh, Oct. 1.—Prices below the cost of production, high quality of the present crop, and prospects for acreage reduction next year were pointed out yesterday by U. Benton Blacklock, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, as "good reasons why cotton should be pooled this year."

"Cotton, in the first place," he said, "is selling far below the cost of production, and we all know that acreage will be heavily reduced next year. And then to sell it outright now would be sacrificing a crop that is showing up to be of the highest quality we have produced in several years."

Pointing out that representatives of the largest cotton shipping firms are very active in an effort to get control of as much of North Carolina's good cotton as possible, Mr. Blacklock declared that "to sell at present prices the better staples we are now growing is simply giving away real money to somebody."

As indication that growers should get a very good premium on inch or better cotton, he cited the heavy tariff on Egyptian and other foreign-grown long staple cotton, and a statement, recently issued by the Mississippi Staple Growers Association, that, regardless of the large production this year, there is not going to be an over-production of the better staples.

Million Bale Record

The general manager of the State Cooperative, which has handled more than a million bales for North Carolina growers during its nine years' existence, added that the association is now mailing out additional premium checks to members whose cotton is above middling 7-8.

"In some instances," he said, "members are drawing as much as \$6.20 per bale premium, and our average premium so far on cotton above middling 7-8 is \$2.30 per bale. This does not represent the full value of the premiums, however, but only the amount we are allowed to advance under our arrangement with the Federal Farm Board."

"We realize that depositing cotton in a cooperative organization is just a bank par with depositing money in a bank and that our members or prospective members are entitled to know something of our financial standing, or our record. It is with pardonable pride that we make the statement that we are on a very sound basis and have always operated on a sound financial basis."

Never Lost a Dollar

"We have handled and distributed to our members approximately \$100,000,000 during the past nine years. All of this has been handled through North Carolina banks and, through our good luck and possibly some business foresight, we have never yet lost a dollar of our members' money through any bank failure."

"We have handled over 1,000,000 bales of cotton for North Carolina farmers, and we know of no outstanding claim from any one that we have never accounted for each and every bale of cotton delivered to the association."

"Our books and records and financial statements are open for the inspection of each and every member and for prospective members as well."

Respected Colored Woman Dies Here Last Sunday

Hattie Bell, 96 years of age, and one of Plymouth's well known and respected colored women, died at her home here Sunday night about 8 o'clock. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Two sons survive, they being Peter Bell, local colored lawyer, and a son of New York City.

MRS. CHARLIE BOWEN WINNER YARD CONTEST

Six Other Women Also Get Prizes for Work in Yard Improvement

The Washington County Federation met last Friday in Roper, with an attendance of around 40. Mrs. W. H. Harrison, president of the federation, presided, and the entire program was full of interesting things for the club members and visitors present.

Miss Pauline Smith, district agent, awarded the prizes in the yard improvement campaign, and delivered a splendid address on improving the home grounds. Mrs. Charlie Bowen, of the Alba Club, won a \$16 steam pressure cooker for having the highest score in yard improvement. Mrs. Frank Wilson was given a year's subscription to House Beautiful as second prize winner, and to Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Mrs. Clint Everett, Mrs. Dick Chesson, Mrs. Ethel Smith, and Mrs. S. A. Holton a year's subscription to American Home was given.

The high note in the meeting was reached when the Pleasant Grove club was awarded the silver trophy cup for the best attendance at the federation.

After announcements and other business the canning leaders and garden leaders of the 15 clubs of the county were honored at a candle-lighting program. This fine group of leaders made a spectacular effect on the lovely stage which had been prepared for them, with their white cotton dresses and white lighted candles. Mrs. W. H. Harrison, leader in the ceremony, gave a very impressive talk on the ideals of home life, and the part that club work has taken in the homes of Washington County. A fine tribute was paid to the father and mother, after which Mrs. Clint Everett gave a reading on home life. The candles were lighted during a special song ceremony, and all the new leaders filed in, singing "Follow the Gleam." After the new leaders' candles were lighted, they formed behind the crescent line of the old leaders and sang taps. This program was declared the best in many years, and the club women of the county are to be commended for their good work in putting on this splendid program.

WHAT TO EAT TO BE HEALTHY

Proper Foods Recommended Are Cheap and In Reach of All

The following information has been given out by one of the highest authorities in this country on the proper food necessary to prevent and combat diseases of the human body.

All of them are in easy reach of the average farmer, the cost of them will be decidedly less than the disease which they will prevent will be:

If you want to prevent colds and germ infections, eat milk, butter, eggs, and cheese.

If you want children to grow and be healthy, feed them green vegetables, such as spinach and turnip greens.

To prevent diseases of the eyes, eat yellow vegetables, such as carrots and yellow corn.

To preserve and prevent diseases of the nerves, eat germs of wheat and other grains, and liver.

If your appetite is not good, eat yeast. If your baby does not grow properly, feed it lettuce and raw peanuts.

To prevent scurvy, have healthy blood and capillaries, eat oranges, grape fruit, lemons, raw cabbage, sauer kraut, tomatoes, lettuce, raw spinach, turnips, and green peppers.

If children have rickets and weak bones, feed them liver, cod-liver oil, and egg yolk.

To prevent decay of teeth, get plenty of sunshine.

To prevent the skin disease called pellagra, use plenty of fresh or evaporated milk, liver, green vegetables, bananas and yeast.

Gasoline Launch Damaged By Fire Here Last Friday

A gasoline launch, belonging to Lum Owens, caught fire here last Friday night about 8 o'clock while anchored in the harbor just to the rear of the Plymouth Billiard Parlor. The fire department was called out and succeeded in extinguishing the flames. Only the top of the boat was destroyed by the fire.