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YEARLY REPORT OF HOME AGENT MADE THIS WEEK

Large Volume of Work Is Reflected in Report of Miss Covington

By Miss PRATT COVINGTON (Home Demonstration Agent)

Starting with the new year, the clubs studied house furnishing as their major project. In January, picture study proved to be very valuable, nearly 100 per cent of all the club members in the county rehanging their pictures in their homes and made a thorough study of better picture grouping and better types of pictures.

In February, the clubs studied finishing old floors. The members were shown how to refinish an old floor for less than 80c and 241 floors were reported refinished. In a few homes several rooms were refinished and in others just one floor. Calls are still coming to the office and through the mail for this floor formula, which has proved to be a good one.

In March furniture arrangement was studied. There is not a single member in the county that has not done some furniture grouping and rearranging.

In April, color and finish of walls was taken up and 103 walls have been refinished and papered. The state specialist and Miss Pauline Smith were taken out to see the work that had been done.

"Curtains and How to Hang Them" was the main study for May. Two-thirds of the club members rehanging curtains.

In June the clubs studied ways of harmonizing odd pieces of furniture. A total of 191 odd pieces were reworked. In some cases the pieces were not pieces that had been discarded but were already in use and needed repainting and refinishing.

During September the clubs studied floor coverings. The members were taught how to judge a good commercial rug and were shown some pretty home-made rugs from the mountains. Since this demonstration some handsome rugs have been made in the county—some from wool and some from old clothing. In October "Draperies and How to Hang Them" was the main study. At this meeting a general review of hanging window curtains was taken up.

All during November the clubs studied, "Building the Room." At this time Miss Helen Estabrook, State Specialist in house furnishings came to the county for a general check up and she found the women of the county answering easily a list of questions that had been made out as a review of the year's work. All the members who had attended the meetings regularly answered them readily and many made a score of 100.

A yard improvement contest was carried on during the year, and came to an end on October 1. Miss Pauline Smith graded the yards, and had complete charge of the scoring and awarding the prizes. Mrs. Charlie Bowen won first prize for the most improvement. Mrs. Frank Wilson was awarded second prize for the prettiest yard, and the following received third prizes: Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Mrs. Clint Everett, Mrs. Dick Chesson, Mrs. Mary Holton, and Mrs. Sidney Smithson. Three hundred and forty-one yards were improved.

In the canning contest 38,531 quarts of fruits and vegetables were canned. Mrs. George Bowen and Mrs. Edgar Swain won free trips to the State short course for the best work of any of the leaders in canning. To date, twenty-seven steam pressure cookers have been bought. A total of \$391.50 has been paid since June for good equipment in the county.

A garden leader was appointed in every club in the county the first of the year. Early in March these leaders were given from three to five different kinds of new vegetables to plant in order to start new vegetables and fruits in the county. During the entire summer these leaders have continued to give their club members these new plants, and just as soon as they matured they gave the ripe vegetables.

Mrs. W. H. Harrison and Mrs. Clint Everett were awarded free trips to the State Short Course for their achievements in the garden work. Mrs. Harrison has compiled a complete book of the history of her garden. In this book she has pictures, clippings, formulas, booklets on gardening that were given her during the year, and a diary of her garden. Mrs. Harrison was the club member who wanted her garage moved this spring, and with the aid of her husband hitched her car to the garage and moved it to its proper place.

Two federation meetings were held during the year. In the spring the meeting was held in Plymouth, with an attendance of 250 people. Dr. R. H. Wright was the main speaker during the afternoon of this meeting. Miss

Local Man Has Missed Only Five Days at Sunday School In Past Twenty-Five Years

BRING PEANUTS

Bags of peanuts have been received from the following subscribers in the past few days for payment of their subscriptions to The Beacon for three years: Aubrey Ainsley, Roper; Mrs. O. M. Chesson, Plymouth; R. A. Turner, Roper; Luther Sittersdn, Plymouth route two; and W. L. Harrison, Plymouth route one.

Others have spoken of bringing their peanuts, as the Beacon is offering 5 cents a pound for them delivered to its office, in subscriptions, whether new or renewal. The offer will not last much longer.

BLAMES SMALLER ATTENDANCE ON LACK OF WORK

Samuel Wesley Beasley, 74, Has Seen Many Changes Take Place

The continued decrease in attendance at Sunday schools today is largely due to the lack of personal work that puts the punch in the success of anything, according to Samuel Wesley Beasley, 74 years of age, who has attended Sunday schools for a quarter of a century, missing only five days during the period.

In the years gone by we have better organizers and poorly equipped teachers, but the conditions are exactly the reverse today when we have the best teachers procurable almost in the smaller churches, yet we have nobody with the zeal to visit the absenting members and to sponsor entertainments and out-of-church meetings that would bring them together for the social advantages, according to the aged church worker.

The Wesley Bible Class was organized in the local historical Methodist church two years before the World War with a membership of four. In a short time the enrollment had reached 64 members, with an average attendance of 62. Fortunately for the class, it had a good teacher, J. O. Everett, a salesman.

Now this class is blessed with a good teacher in Representative Zeb Vance Norman, but there is no organizer or personal worker who looks after the absentees or who tries in any special effort to build up the class in the week-time. No special meetings are held by the class. Interest is fairly good, but the enrollment should be boosted from about 20 to 50 if the work was done, according to Mr. Beasley.

Every Sunday now the man who once had aided in the organization of one of the largest adult Bible classes in Plymouth is old and meets the people at the door with a welcome and is custodian of the literature which he has been in charge of for about eight years, never missing a Sunday. Rain or shine Mr. Beasley is on the job.

Aside from his church duties, Mr. Beasley is a fixed figure in the drayage business in Plymouth, where he has been doing public hauling for more than half a century. This business has been hit by the depression and the inauguration of bus service has helped to decrease the amount of freight carried by train, thus making hauling less paying.

Accepting the modern trend of business, Mr. Beasley purchased a motor truck for his hauling after his horse had served him faithfully for 32 years on the streets here. He purchased the horse at four years old and broke him to suit himself and they were the usual sights on the streets together until death came to the animal. The horse died, chloroformed to make it easier, and was buried.

A little over 40 years ago he was married, and to the union was born the following children: Mrs. J. L. Hayes, Mrs. E. R. Jackson, of Plymouth; and C. W. Beasley, an automobile salesman in Charlotte.

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Oversubscription of Relief Fund in County Expected

FUNERAL IS HELD FOR C. W. CAHOON IN CHURCH HERE

Body Returned From Pensacola Florida and Final Rites Held Sunday

Funeral services were held here Sunday afternoon for Charlie Warren Cahoon, 35-year-old salesman of this place, whose lifeless body was found in a room in a Pensacola hotel in Florida last Tuesday with a bullet hole in his head and a weapon lying near by.

A letter addressed to a companion salesman working another district asked that his wife here be notified and instructions were issued as to the disposition of his body. Also a letter was addressed to his wife here bidding her good-bye and containing further instructions as to his affairs. An investigation into the tragedy was made by his co-worker and the information sent to his wife here.

No cause of the tragedy has been released to the press here, and the last letters written by Mr. Cahoon are guarded zealously by relatives. Rumor has it that he was doing very good business selling shoes, although despondency and ill health are advanced as the most plausible reasons for the act.

Final rites were held in the Grace Episcopal church. A large crowd jammed the little sanctuary as they struggled to get into the church when the casket was taken in. A combined choir representing members of the Episcopal and Methodist churches rendered the music. The Rev. A. H. Marshall officiated. Burial took place in the adjoining cemetery.

Active pall bearers were Dr. T. L. Bray, E. G. Arps, Edward S. Blount, H. A. Willford, Linwood Hassell, Leland Thompson, J. K. Reid, Jack Read, Honorary pall-bearers included Clarence Ayers, J. R. Campbell, John Getzinger, Zeno Lyon, T. A. Stubbs, J. S. Brown, P. M. Arps, A. L. Owens, P. W. Brown, Wally Burr, A. L. Alexander, Ernest Carstarphen, Ryland White, Johnston Ward, Gene Still, A. H. Stier, Julian Brinkley, Dr. C. McGowan, Tom Woodley, Louis Landung, Dave Brinkley, W. R. Hampton, Jerry Hayes, Dr. R. L. Whitehurst, Abe Adler, Milton Clagon, Henry Midgett, John Leggett, and W. H. Clark.

Surviving Mr. Cahoon is a widow, Mrs. Mary Smith Cahoon, who is residing here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, with her two children, Mrs. Mary Corinne Cahoon, 5 years old and Annie Hilliard Cahoon, 3 years old. The father was buried on the latter child's birthday. Also the following sisters, Mrs. Edgar Spruill, Roper; Mrs. J. W. Buchanan, Newport News, Va.; Miss Annie Cahoon, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Robert Roper, Elizabeth City; and a mother, Mrs. Warren Cahoon, of near Roper.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Public schools in Washington County will have different dates for closing, with some giving a week and others two weeks, for the Christmas holidays, it was learned here today.

The Roper School will close December 22 and open January 4. Creswell will possibly close on the 18th and open on December 28. Cherry will close on December 22 and open December 28. Wenona and Plymouth will close on December 18 to reopen January 4. All colored schools will close on December 18 and reopen December 28.

PLEDGES MADE HERE SO FAR TOTAL \$1,025.00

Expect To Make Canvass in Roper and Creswell Next Week

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Today pledges have been taken for \$1,025 in Plymouth and it is expected that Roper and Creswell will contribute their \$150 quota each as soon as a canvass for donations can be made by the organization. The quota for the entire county was only \$1,250, which will be augmented by street collections secured by the workers themselves.

A number of merchants were out of their stores and business places when the committee here called Monday. They will be seen at a later date. About \$300 in cash was secured here this week with provisions and other needy items to be pledged for later whenever desired. A detailed report of the work will be released by Mr. Stier next week. He was called out of town Tuesday.

The committee which worked here Monday was composed of A. H. Stier, P. W. Brown, E. H. Liverman, J. P. Sutton, C. L. Groves. They have turned the results of their work over to L. W. Gurkin, secretary and treasurer, who will be advised by the committee to cooperate with the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brewer, of Winston-Salem, who will be in charge of distributing the funds and materials where sorely needed.

Dates for the canvassing of Roper and Creswell have not been made known today. It is thought that the campaign will take place next week. Mr. Stier will return to Plymouth Friday or Saturday and then will make his plans for further work.

75 DELEGATES AT CHURCH MEETING HERE THIS WEEK

1-Day Convention United Christian Mission Society Held Wednesday

A continual downpour of rain failed to dampen the ardor of the 75 delegates from seven churches in this section who wended their way through the inclement weather to the local Christian church Wednesday for the annual one-day convention that was held under the auspices of the United Christian Missionary Society.

The meeting was held for the single day, with three sessions, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning and then after lunch, concluding with a church leaders' banquet, which was held in the Brinkley Building, with the church women serving the number. The speakers of the day were heard again for the last time on the day's program when they spoke directly to the officials.

Chief among the speakers for the occasion was Dr. E. I. Osgood, who was for nearly 30 years a medical missionary stationed at Chuchow, China. He is a graduate of Hiram College and the Cleveland College of Physicians and Surgeons and was ordained to the Christian ministry before leaving this country. Added to his missionary labors is his success as an author of books relating to the mission fields.

The guest speaker for the occasion, who occupied the spotlight with Dr. Osgood was John Barclay, pastor of the Christian church at Wilson, whose messages were heard by the young folk with whom he is closely associated. Other speakers included Mrs. H. H. Settle, of Greenville; C. C. Ware, of Wilson; Miss Bertha Clawson, a missionary; and J. E. DeGaffery, of Indiana, whose message on the pension fund was informative.

The Rev. W. Conley Greer, pastor of the local Christian church, welcomed the visiting church folk. Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville, also aided in the speaking, while the timely talk made by Mrs. Harrison, of Washington, was greatly enjoyed. The stewardship hour was a feature of the event, with the speakers addressing the leaders in groups.

The convention closed here with the banquet with speeches by Miss Bertha Clawson, on the work in Japan; John Barclay, on "Prepared Leadership"; and Dr. Osgood, on "Holding the Lines." The banquet was well attended and the turkey dinner was a credit to the women.

This year. This is the line-up:

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FOUR CASES IN COUNTY COURT HERE TUESDAY

Three Negroes Bound Over For Assault on E. D. Patrick

In recorder's court here Tuesday, three negroes were bound over to the January term of Washington County Superior Court for assaulting E. D. Patrick, of the Skinner'sville section, with a deadly weapon. Edward Tillery, Edgar Thigpen, and Isaiah Hill are the accused.

A fine of \$50 and costs with the revocation of his driver's license for three months was required of J. B. Bateman as the result of operating an automobile under the influence of whiskey, according to the indictment. He noted an appeal and his bond was fixed at \$150.

F. A. Bowser and Cheek Bowser were found guilty of forcible trespass and larceny and required to pay the costs of the court and to pay Gus Atkinson \$5. They appealed. Bond was set at \$50 each.

J. H. James, of Robersonville, paid the costs of the court and \$30 for a worthless check that he had issued to G. W. Sitterson, of this county.

Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Weede Dies

Mrs. W. M. Wiley Dies At Home in Creswell

Creswell.—Mrs. W. M. Wiley died at her home here Monday night. The funeral was held at the Methodist Protestant Church Wednesday by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Russell. Burial services took place at White Chapel.

City Council Holds Its Regular Meet Monday

The City Council in session here Monday joined with the Washington County Commissioners in voting \$100 to the use of the Washington County Unemployment and Relief Association in caring for needy people in this county this winter. Other routine matters were also transacted.

Important Meeting of Juniors Monday Night

The members of the Plymouth Rock Council, No. 213, of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, are requested to be present at a meeting Monday night, December 14, it was announced today by B. O. Bishop, corresponding secretary. Matters of much importance to the membership will be discussed and a large attendance is expected.

Infant Dies Saturday in Piney Grove Community

Piney Grove.—Little Jimmie Spruill jr., seven-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Spruill, sr., died Saturday evening at 4 o'clock at his home. He was sick for only a few hours.

Funeral services were held at the home Sunday evening, Rev. Russell, of Creswell, officiating. Interment was made in the family cemetery.

Washington County Folks Begin To Think About Christmas; Better Spirit Prevailing

Christmas gift buying in Plymouth is expected to get in full swing here this week-end when an army of shoppers swarm down upon the retail district to create a scene of rich color and brisk activity, as the people yield to the annual Yuletide urge to exchange gifts, thus issuing cheer to a people that are depressed.

The people of this little county can look to their shopping with clear consciences, as they have already secured pledges for the major part of their welfare work, and they can spend their money with the full assurance that the needy will be looked after in Washington County by skilled agents, Mr. and Mrs. Brewer, who stole their way into the hearts of people here last winter by their noble work.

Merchants here are waking up from the coma caused by the blow depression has administered to business, and today the stores are being decorated with holly, assorted colors of paper, pine trees, and in every way the spirit of the occasion is blending with the season to wake the town up in a business way. Bargains that have not been offered before in recent years for Christmas buyers are now being offered through various advertising methods.

The crowds are beginning to fill stores and shops with that nervous activity that characterizes Christmas. The post office is beginning to urge people to mail their packages early in an effort to avoid congestion that comes when everybody waits to mail their parcels on Christmas Eve. School children are hearing the old stories of St. Nick again, and they lend enchantment to the affair.

The town will join the celebrators of the event by the erection of lights in the down-town area that will add color to the occasion. Christmas trees and Santa Claus will be seen on the streets perhaps before the Beacon is issued again. So the annual whirl for Christmas goes on despite the lamented hard times.

Planting 1,000 Black Walnut Seedlings

Forty Catawba 4-H club members are planting 1,000 black walnut seedlings this fall, and 150 adults are also planting a few trees each, says T. L. Robinson, county agent.

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TEST 1,000 CHICKENS FOR BREEDING THIS SEASON

One thousand breeding chickens have been tested for bacillary white diarrhea this fall in preparation for the coming poultry hatching season.

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A guy cable attached to the smokestack that was used at the municipal building formerly broke Monday with the heavy metal pipe smashing into the roof of the annex to the building that housed the boiler. A crew of workmen from Belhaven were here taking the stack down to remove to Belhaven for use there. This, with a lot of machinery previously used by the municipal plant, has been sold to J. W. Hines, of Rocky Mount, for use in Belhaven.

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