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## MASONS PREPARE FOR BIG PICNIC AT EDEN HOUSE

### Annual Event for Benefit of Orphanage Will Be Held July 28

Unusual interest and enthusiasm is being shown this year by the committee having in charge the work of planning the entertainment features of the annual Masonic Picnic that will be held at Eden House Beach Thursday, July 28th. Masons of Bertie Hertford and Northampton Counties and Skeawakee Lodge at Williamston sponsor the picnic annually, and proceeds from sale of concessions are turned over in gross to the Oxford Orphanage.

Eden House affords all the pleasures common to the summer beach season, and for that day there is the extra inducement of large crowds, open-air speaking, and food and drink a plenty. The entertainment committee is composed of Judge Francis D. Winston, and Claude L. Pierce, of the Windsor Lodge, and Norman K. Harrison, of the Williamston lodge. It is understood that the committee is endeavoring to secure Hon. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Democratic nominee for governor, to make the principal speech.

A. Lee Copeland, of Ahsokh, in charge of publicity for the picnic, last week made the following appeal for a record crowd this year:

"In the long, long ago, God created a flower and when he was drawing a plan for this universe, I can see Him as He makes a dot, and I can see Him dip his pen into the nectar of honey and drop just a speck on this dot, and thus we have the fragrance of our beautiful flower gardens, and then I can see Him place a mother, a woman to tend and care for this garden, or this planet. And so you see where the sweetness of our women came from. But this flower sprouts and grows and then withers away. It's work seemingly over, yet it lives to express a sense of beauty in our imagination.

"Now the orphanage is not only planting flowers, but they are instilling character in the boys and girls who are being trained that their lives may cause this old world to be just a little better.

"So when you plan to attend the Masonic Picnic at Eden House, July 28, forget the hotness of the weather, forget, possibly, some of the conveniences of home, and remember your contribution goes to help to build a character that will grow and continue to live on and on."

## 10 PERCENT DROP IN COTTON CROP

### North Carolina Acreage 94 Percent of That Planted To Crop Last Year

The American cotton crop shows a decrease in acreage of almost 10 percent, according to the July Crop Reporting Board's estimate, recently released.

The very low prices paid to producers for the past season's cotton crop, together with the lack of money for purchasing fertilizers, have had the inevitable effect of reducing acreage. From 41,189,000 acres in cultivation a year ago, the July 1, 1932, estimate shows 37,290,000 acres, or 9.5 percent reduction.

Of the important cotton producing States, Georgia takes the lead by reducing 20 percent. Arkansas reduced least, with only 3 percent. North Carolina shows 9.5 percent of last year's cotton acreage.

The average abandonment in all states during the past ten years is estimated at 3 percent, while North Carolina's average was 1.6 percent acreage given up as worthless.

## PORTABLE GRIST MILL IN LENOIR

### Mill On Truck Grinds More Than a Ton of Corn An Hour

Kinston, July 18.—A company headed by Alvin Konegny is operating the only traveling corn mill in this part of the country. It is mounted on a motor truck, and is moved from farm to farm during the harvesting season. The company grinds grain of any kind, but specializes in corn. The mill can turn out a ton and a half of meal in an hour.

Konegny is a youth living in Duplin County near Seven Springs. He and his associates conceived the idea of starting the traveling mill some months ago. A company with a capital of \$1,600 was formed. Business has been good, and the mill is being kept busy from sunrise to sunset at this season. Operations are limited to Duplin, Jones, Lenoir and Wayne Counties at present, but the territory may be extended.

## Singing Class To Be At Union Chapel Church

Long Acre.—The Free Will Baptist Orphanage singing class will sing at the Union Chapel church on Long Acre Saturday, July 23, at 8 p. m. Every one is invited to come and enjoy an evening of delightful entertainment.

## NO LOCUSTS SO FAR REPORTED IN THIS COUNTY

### Information About Cicadas Desired by State College Entomologists

So far as can be learned the dreaded periodical cicada, popularly known as the seventeen-year locust, has not made its appearance in Washington County, although it was expected to invade this section as well as many other counties in the State.

The cicada spends 17 years in the ground while in the grub stage, sucking sap from the roots of trees and shrubs. Another species found only in the South requires 13 years to complete its development. These pests resemble the commonly known July fly.

When a brood of millions appear in a wooded area, the males in a singing chorus chant not unlike that of the breeding chorus of a multitude of frogs or toads in a shallow pool, and this number may be scattered over a square mile. Six broods of the 17-year and three of the 13-year varieties have been reported in the state.

Cicadas have sucking mouth parts. The adult lives about three or four weeks. Eggs are laid in slits cut in the softer barks of trees. It is this cutting of the bark of fruit trees when the females lay their eggs, along with the sucking of sap from the trees, that cause the damage.

Information on the appearance of the cicadas in other counties is being sought by the entomologists and any one discovering the insects are urged to forward the information of their find to Dr. R. W. Leiby, chief of the bureau of entomology in the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Raleigh.

## COUNTY AGENT WORK IS DONE AT A LOW COST

### Costs Less Than One Cent Out of Each Dollar Tax Collected

The work of the county farm agents in the 83 counties where they are at present employed costs an average of less than one cent out of each dollar paid in county taxes.

This fact was developed last week following a study of figures secured by Charles A. Sheffield, assistant extension director at State College, from the State Tax Commission. The various counties of North Carolina levied \$31,800,000 in taxes in 1931 and the average rate was \$1.06. Out of each dollar levied in the counties about one-half of one cent went to county farm agent work and this was increased by one-fourth of a cent when the state's appropriation was added. The total cost per dollar of tax money paid, including the federal offset amount to .88 of one cent.

Considering the cost of this work to the average taxpayers of a county, however, if a man paid \$5 in county taxes, he would invest only a little economy to dispense with this work over four cents in the salary and expenses of a county farm agent; if he paid \$10 in taxes, he would invest nearly nine cents; if he paid \$25 in taxes, he would invest 22 cents; if he paid \$45 in taxes, he would invest 35 cents and if he paid \$100 in taxes, he would invest only 88 cents in farm agent work. This is less than one dollar for each one hundred dollars paid by the average county taxpayer.

Despite this low cost of county extension work, the agent is about the only human connection the farmer has with his experiment station, State College, and United States Department of Agriculture. More people are returning to the farms now that city jobs are scarce and more young people are remaining on the farms. This all means that the county agent is needed now more than ever and it is false

## Two More Players for Baseball Team Secured

In its summary for the eligible players for the Plymouth club should this town place a team in the Albemarle League next summer by an oversight the names of Wright Dinkins and Fields were left out and possibly there are other good players who were overlooked. These two players are regulars on the present team and would be sure to retain their positions on any future aggregation.

## HOPE TO BETTER MAIL SERVICE IN NEXT FEW WEEKS

### Star Route Carriers Have Failed To Maintain Schedules

Since the discontinuance of the two trains plying between Norfolk and Raleigh through here about two weeks ago, this section has experienced unusually poor mail service. The removal of the two trains necessitated the establishment of star route service from Norfolk to Star with a connecting service at Williamston for Plymouth and Tyrrell County. Since the new service was inaugurated, the carriers have failed to maintain schedules, delaying mail addressed to patrons on the rural routes out of here and to those in Tyrrell County exactly 24 hours late.

It is understood that the post office department is making every effort to perfect the service, but it is doubtful if the present schedules can be maintained. According to reports, it has been suggested that a star route leaving Williamston at 7 each morning be established to serve Jamesville, Plymouth, Roper, Creswell, and Columbia. The carrier would reach Columbia at 9:30 a. m. and leave on the return trip at 10 o'clock, arriving here at 11:40, in time to connect with the Norfolk Southern train from Raleigh. At 3 o'clock, the carrier would return to Columbia, reaching there at 5 p. m. He would then leave Columbia at 6:30 p. m. and continue on through here to Williamston, where a connection would be made with the Norfolk to Wilson line just before midnight.

It is believed this schedule would assure the prompt delivery of all mails to rural route patrons and those in Tyrrell County. A few minor changes in other schedules might be made necessary under the proposed star route schedule, but the variation in the hours will not create a great inconvenience, it is believed.

The government's chief desire is to give the people service and at the same time treat employees fairly. Whether the proposed arrangement or some other is made, the people of Washington and Tyrrell Counties are entitled to better mail service than they are now getting, and the government can give it to them without extra cost, it is understood.

## IMMUNIZATION IS INDORSED BY DR. JOHN B. WRIGHT

### Head of State Medical Society Praises Work of Board of Health

Since the State Board of Health recently inaugurated its immunization campaign against typhoid, diphtheria, and smallpox, letters endorsing the board's action have been pouring in from the medical profession in all sections of the state. One of the most outstanding of these communications is from Dr. John B. Wright, President of the North Carolina Medical Society, in which he says, "I began the practice of my profession in August, 1899, and a short time afterwards had several cases of diphtheria, all of which are fatal. Later I gave antitoxin and the results simply changed the entire method of treating this horrible disease. There must needs be a combined attack by both the medical profession working with our state board of health to hold under control this disease of childhood. I can not urge too strongly the cooperation of all the physicians of our state with our health authorities in immunizing all the children against diphtheria."

"As a practitioner of medicine for more than thirty years, I have noted with pleasure the gradual reduction of typhoid fever in North Carolina. In the early years of my practice it was common for every physician to treat a number of cases of typhoid fever every summer. This situation continued until the State Board of Health inaugurated its state-wide effort in 1915 and 1916, in which more than a hundred thousand people were immunized against typhoid in about one-fourth of the counties of the State. As you well remember, the doctors all over the state made it their business to urge their friends and patrons to become immunized against typhoid. Typhoid has not been eradicated, and as long as there is a case in the state the possibility of a serious increase in this disease is always present. Therefore consistent efforts are necessary on the part of physicians and health departments to keep the disease under control."

Continuing, Dr. Wright says, "Speaking in behalf of the physicians of this State, I wish to commend the State Board of Health most heartily for the course it has taken in this matter." Already Alamance, Mitchell, Transylvania, Swain, Yancey, Lincoln, Chatham, and Orange Counties have signed contracts with the State Board

## Two County Men Plan To Take Bar Examination

Among the number of applicants who have signified their intention of taking the bar examination in an effort to seek license to practice law in North Carolina are Wilbur Mattingly Darden, of Plymouth; and E. N. Riddle, of Roper.

## STRESSES VALUE OF FRESH FRUIT

### Home Agent Urges That More Fruit Be Eaten by County People

(By Miss Eugenia Patterson)  
Fruit is a food generally consumed by the entire human family. Commerce now supplies us with fresh fruits throughout the year. Inventions of preserving have also helped very much. Fruits make up a large part of the diet of man.

The South has almost every fruit of the North Temperate zone, many of the South Temperate zone and some of the Tropical zone. Our seven chief fruit states are, Ohio, California, Michigan, Illinois, New York, Indiana and Pennsylvania; California being at the head.

A large portion of the money from fruits comes from the North Atlantic and North Central States. Many fruits were introduced when our country was settled. We now lead the nations in the value of fruit products and best methods of preservation. It is so important in some localities that they do very little but raise fruits.

All fruits contain carbohydrates, proteins, fats, cellulose, mineral matter and water. The most important nutritive value is found in carbohydrates. Nearly all fruits stimulate the appetite and digestion. Fruits depend more on acids and salts for stimulative results.

Minerals supply the blood with certain elements that the body could not survive without. The body requires elements as phosphorus which repairs the bones and teeth; it is also the basis of nerve and brain tissue. Lime is used to build the teeth and bones also.

Magnesia neutralizes acids set free by the use of proteins in rich foods, such as meats and eggs. Chlorine makes acid for the stomach, and salt for the body. Sulphur purifies the blood and iron makes rich blood.

Fruit juice is a natural medicine and prevents much sickness. All types of vitamins are found in fresh fruits. Fruit is the cheapest and most efficient way to supply the body with these elements that are so important.

Fruit may be kept by canning, drying, preserving with sugar, and various other ways. It is best where perfectly ripe. There is an excess of acids found in unripe fruits which causes intestinal irritation and which often results in serious trouble.

Fruits may be served raw or cooked. Sometimes they are more easily digested by some people when cooked. Fruit may be served in ice cream, salads, punch and various other ways. Fruit pie is good, and also fruit cake.

There is no substitute for the value of the fruit to the body. No one has ever been able to compound anything that carries the curative effects of the fruit.

## CLASS MEMBERS TO GO TO CAMP

### Roper Boys To Leave Next Monday for White Lake For Week's Stay

Roper.—Students of vocational agriculture at the Roper High School will leave Monday for White Lake, where they will enjoy a week of work and fun at a minimum of expense. They will be accompanied by B. G. O'Brien, head of this department for all kinds of games that interest boys with water sports included. Stunt night on each Friday is an enjoyable occasion. The boys' health will be safeguarded with the proper food being served, and a physician to keep them well.

Included in those going from Roper will possibly be the following, and others who decide to go at the last minute: Henry Everett, John McCloud, Eric Spruill, George Holton, Fred Bateman, Charles Snell, Jabie Conway, Fred Spruill, William Gaylord, William Spruill, Thomas Ange, B. F. Skiles, Walter Bateman, and Harry Chesson.

## Christian Convention At Scuppernon on July 31st

Scuppernon.—The Roanoke District Convention will meet with the Christian church at Scuppernon on the fifth Sunday in July. All near-by churches are invited to attend and bring lunch.

of Health for immunization programs, while several other contracts are pending and will probably be signed within the next few days.

## CAPTURE THREE MEN AND STILL IN COUNTY MONDAY

### Raid Is Made on Plant Near Laurel Point Lighthouse At Noon Monday

Failure to produce bonds of \$500 each resulted in remanding to jail W. R. Twiford, Elizabeth City; S. L. Sample, of Okisko, and David Clifton, of the Pea Ridge section of Washington County, who were arraigned before United States Commissioner J. P. Thompson in Elizabeth City Monday on charges of manufacturing whisky. The men were arrested around noon Monday in the course of a raid on a still near Laurel Point, just over the Washington County line that adjoins Tyrrell. Officers included Sheriff J. K. Reid, Chief of Police P. W. Brown, Deputy Sheriff W. D. Deal, and Federal Officers C. S. Coates and S. K. Hughes, of Williamston, and H. S. Barbary, of New Bern.

The raiding party left from Deep Creek by motor boat as the only approach to this swamp section was by water. They arrived about noon. The still was visible when they moored their boat. Officers landed and gave chase to the five men that were at the still, nabbing three.

The motor boat "Carrie" was moored near the shore, and according to the officers, Twiford and Sample admitted leaving Elizabeth City before day-break Monday aboard the "Carrie" with a cargo of 40 bags of sugar for use in the manufacture of whisky.

Sheriff Reid and some of the party brought the prisoners to Elizabeth City overland, while others undertook to take the "Carrie" to Elizabeth City under her own power, but engine trouble caused them to put in at Nixonton and the Coast Guard station boat AB-21 left Elizabeth City shortly after 7 o'clock to take it in tow, arriving in the Pasquotank County metropolis at daylight Tuesday morning.

The still was a 200-gallon wooden outfit, powered with a 20-horsepower boiler and provided with 48 mash boxes, steam pumps, siphons, and other accessories. Four gallons of whisky were found, as well as a large number of jugs and bags of rye flour. Twenty-one bags of sugar captured were turned over to a relief agency in Elizabeth City.

Clifton, whose home is about four miles from the still site, claims that he is innocent of any connection with the whisky-making operation and is alleged to have said that he had been fishing when he caught sight of the still and visited it out of curiosity. A bag of sugar was found in his skiff but he explained this by saying that the others had asked him to help them ferry the sugar ashore from the "Carrie."

## ROAD FUND FOR FREE LABORERS

### No Convicts Can Be Used On Relief Projects In North Carolina

Raleigh, July 18.—North Carolina's share of the federal aid emergency road building appropriation in the two billion dollar relief bill, which President Hoover is expected to sign tomorrow, will be spent on free labor.

This state is expected to receive \$2,890,203 for emergency highway construction to be matched with regular federal aid funds for road building, which is required to be expended by July 1, 1933.

E. B. Jeffers, chairman of the state highway commission estimated today that 5,000 North Carolinians will be given employment within the next 11 months. Contracting will begin as soon as the President signs the bill, he said.

A clause in the bill states "no convict shall be directly employed on any such project and so far as practicable no individual (except in executive, directive, or supervisory positions shall work more than 30 hours weekly).

## New Process in Tire Making Is Developed

Manufacturers have demonstrated their important part in developments in all lines of industry and in tire-making one of the most recent improvements in tires is credited to the general superintendent of one of the moderate sized concerns. W. G. Lersch in charge of production in the Cooper Rubber Company's plant, in Findlay, Ohio, invented the method of manufacturing tires with two extra layers of cord fabric under the non-skid of the tire.

This new method adds much to the mileage, safety and comfort of tires, it is claimed. Mr. Dan Satterthwaite, dealer in Cooper tires here, says that this patented feature demonstrates another reason why his company leads in the march to better times because it is always contributing to the better quality of its products.

## J. M. Perry To Hold Church At Scuppernon Church

Scuppernon.—Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville, will begin a revival meeting at Scuppernon Christian church Monday night, July 25. Rev. Perry is a minister of renown and a splendid singer. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

## COUNTY SPENT \$9,908.00 TO HAUL SCHOOL PUPILS

### Average of 826 Pupils Are Transported Daily for 7 Cents Each

Rural white schools in Washington County spent \$9,908.07 for the transportation of public school children during the 1930-31 term, it was learned here today from authentic statistics. No transportation is provided for colored school children.

Due to many outside influences, such as roads, age and type of trucks, amounts paid drivers, extent of transportation provided, the cost per pupil for transportation during the last term varied in the State from \$35.84 in Transylvania to \$5.21 in Yadkin with Washington County rating \$11.75 for annual cost per pupil.

During this term, 18 motor vehicles were used in transporting the children to the four schools that included Roper, Mackey, Creswell and Plymouth. A daily cost per pupil of a fraction over seven cents was entailed. Garage and equipment costs last year were only \$200. This is to be added to the \$9,708.07 cost of annual operation.

The fleet of trucks transported an average of 826 pupils daily during the year with a daily total average of miles traveled given at 505. These trucks were operated for an average of 158 days during the term. And this number represents the actual school term of days for last year.

Hard surfaced roads in this county with fairly good dirt roads have made the hauling of children by bus to the four important schools an objective and doing away with the small one- and two-teacher schools imperative. Bad roads in winter have resulted in some tardiness of the pupils, but this does not seem to hinder.

Explicit instructions that are designed to safe guard the occupants of the busses are issued to the drivers by James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction, and these drivers have cooperated until accidents at the present have been held to a very low minimum.

## BIG ENROLLMENT AT WAKE FOREST

### Four Residents of This County Are Enrolled in Summer School

Wake Forest.—Four Washington County residents are among the 484 students enrolled at the Wake Forest College summer school.

The group is made up of W. M. Darden and S. A. Ward, both of Plymouth; and Margaret Marriner and E. N. Riddle, of Roper.

Wake Forest has a record-breaking enrollment with a 30 per cent increase in attendance over the past summer session, Director Daniel B. Bryan reported. There are representatives from 30 different colleges, 10 states, China, Japan, Cuba and 87 North Carolina counties.

Dean Bryan attributes this phenomenal growth to a moratorium on some fees, which students have been allowed to defer to suit their convenience.

Courses of instruction are offered which lead to all North Carolina teachers' certificates and the bachelor's and master's degrees. There is a total of 34 professors and some 90 different courses.

## Eagles Defeat Cardinals In Game Here This Week

The Eagles baseball team defeated the Cardinals, 7 to 4, on the lot back of the printing office this week. Joey Brown and Norman Mayo hurried for the Eagles, with Ransom Martin receiving. Hubert Cox and Bob Bateman pitched for the Cardinals with Howard Potat catching.

## Expect To Ship 65 Cars Tomatoes From County

Available statistics provided by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture reveals that 158 carloads of tomatoes were shipped from North Carolina to foreign markets last season. Tomato packing officials think that possibly 50 or more carloads left Washington County.

It appears now that upwards of 65 cars will be shipped from here this season, with 35 cars already gone from Plymouth and Roper. This is expected despite adverse weather, which continues dry.

## LOCAL TEAM WINS 10 - INNING GAME HERE THIS WEEK

### Sacrifice by Mizelle Scores Winning Run; Over 500 In Attendance

A perfect sacrifice hit down the first base line made by Charlie Mizelle scored Bill Clagon from third base, giving Plymouth an 11 to 10 victory over Grimesland in a thrilling 10-inning game that drew upwards of 500 fans here Wednesday.

Spicendous relief hurling by Chief of Police P. W. Brown, who checked a rally in the fifth and allowed only three safeties in the remainder of the game aided in saving the day, as Tom Norman was bumped for six hits in the fifth. Fred Blount started the game for Plymouth, but was relieved on account of a pain in his side. He allowed four hits in four innings.

D. Androlia, hurling for Grimesland, was nipped for 7 hits and his successor, Hardison, 9. The five hurlers had good control. It was a good baseball game except in the wild and woolly fifth, when a scoring orgy began with Grimes scoring 7 and Plymouth 3.

Messic led his mates for Grimesland with a double and two single out of five trips, with A. Proctor getting three blows. Burl Gurganus smacked out a home run for Plymouth, scoring one ahead of him, in the fifth when Plymouth started its uphill climb five runs behind. Fields smashed out a triple, double and two singles out of six tries.

The box score and summary:

Plymouth	AB	R	H	P	O	E
J. Gurganus, lf	4	1	2	1	0	0
Mizelle, ss	6	2	1	1	6	1
Fields, 2b	5	3	4	2	1	1
B. Gurganus, 3b	5	2	2	3	2	1
Blount, p	2	0	0	1	0	0
Norman, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
P. Brown, p	3	0	1	0	0	0
Chesson, c	5	1	1	6	2	0
Dinkins, lf	5	0	1	1	1	1
J. Brown, cf	5	1	2	2	0	1
Clagon, rf	5	1	2	4	0	0
Totals	45	11	16	30	13	5

Grimesland	AB	R	H	P	O	E
J. Proctor, 3b	3	1	2	0	2	0
Lewis, lf	5	1	0	1	0	0
Hardison, fr-p	5	1	1	1	0	0
Messic, 2b	5	2	3	5	0	0
Fleming, cf	5	1	1	2	0	0
E. Elks, ss	5	2	2	0	1	1
C. Elks, c	5	0	0	2	0	0
A. Proctor, lf	5	1	3	10	0	1
Androlia, p-rf	5	1	1	0	3	0
Totals	48	10	13	28	13	2

\* One out when winning run scored.

Summary: Runs batted in, Messic 2, Androlia 3, Fleming, A. Proctor, Hardison, Fields 3, Dinkins, J. Gurganus, B. Gurganus 2, Chesson; sacrifice hit, Mizelle; left on bases, Plymouth 7, Grimesland 5; home run, B. Gurganus; 3-base hits, Fields, Androlia; 2-base hits, Fields, Chesson, Hardison, Messic; bases on balls, off Androlia 1, off Hardison 1; strike outs, by Blount 4, by Brown 1; by Androlia 4; by Hardison 5; hits, off Androlia 7 in 4 1-3 innings; off Hardison 9 in 5 2-3 innings; off Blount 4 in 4 innings; off Norman 6 in 2-3 inning; off Brown 3 in 5 1-3 innings; winning pitcher, Brown; losing pitcher Androlia.

## Dislocates Hip Kicking At Hog This Week

D. S. Darden, an employee of the National Handle Company, is suffering from an injured hip that is thought to have been dislocated when a foot slipped, throwing him to the ground, after he had kicked at a hog. The injured member of his body is sore, but it is thought to be getting along as well as could be expected. He will be back at work by the week-end it is thought.

## Zeno Lyon Goes With P. M. Arps Pharmacy

Zeno Lyon, formerly connected with the O. Henry Drug Store here, is now with the Arps Pharmacy. Mr. Lyon has had several years' experience in drug stores and wishes to welcome his old customers at his new place of business.

## Breeding Hens Should Be Blood Tested This Fall

Question.—I shall have about 200 breeding hens this fall. Should I have them blood-tested, and how do I go about having this done?

Answer.—Have the hens tested if you possibly can. The pullorum disease is transmitted from parent to offspring through an infected egg, and usually the carrier bird shows no symptoms of the disease. Only a test will reveal the presence of the trouble. Apply to Dr. William Moore, State Veterinarian, for help with the testing.

## Tailless Kitten

G. G. Gregory, of Memphis, Tenn., is the owner of a Maltese cat which recently gave birth to a tailless kitten.