

Projects For Needy Aid Many in County

PUBLIC GROUNDS FATHER AND SON ARE IMPROVED IN MEETING HELD IN NUMBER PLACES COUNTY FRIDAY

Approximately \$2,000 Have Been Spent So Far On Projects

Cash registers in the stores have run time and again and the unemployed have had grocery money as the result of the expenditure of some \$2,000 in the improvement of public grounds and houses and places in the last month or more.

These projects have been worked over under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer, welfare workers, who have been distributing the money to the workers in a way that it would mean more to the community and to the workers, and thus it would help carry out the state's wishes.

There are a number of projects that have been concluded that show the worth of this fine work by the good it has done in beautifying and cleaning and making more sanitary some of the places where diseases have been originating in filth and stagnation.

Project number 1 included improving the grounds, painting the roof, planting shrubbery at the Roper High School building. Mrs. Edison Davenport of the Parent-Teacher Association was in charge of this work on the grounds.

The project at the county home included improving the grounds, beautifying the houses and lands, cleaning the lands, repairing the building, with 23 men working there for a while under the supervision of C. C. Spruill, who is in charge of the farm.

Then work has been done at the Plymouth High School improving the grounds, planting shrubbery, inside repairs on the building, and work about the Washington County Training School and the Hampton Academy on Main Street, which was under the direction of E. H. Hicks.

In the city of Plymouth, men have cleaned the drains, improved the streets, cleaned up a swamp, beautified the river front, painted the town market, and repaired the same building, all under the supervision of P. W. Brown; and planted a park at the end of Jefferson Street under the direction of Mrs. B. A. Sumner.

Cemeteries at the Grace Episcopal church, the Methodist church, have been cleaned up and the yards of the Baptist and Christian churches have been cleaned up as well. Shrubby has been arranged also.

In Roper, under the direction of Mayor J. J. Hassell, drains have been improved and streets cleaned up and other civic work done, while in Creswell the town was cleaned up with Mayor C. A. Swain in charge, with the school grounds at Creswell cleaned with Mrs. C. N. Davenport in charge, and the same work done at Cherry with Mrs. A. W. Davenport directing.

Some other work has been done with the funds that have been received from the North Carolina funds, with an allotment coming to Washington County to be used for the employment of the jobless. Any one having a project on a public enterprise that should be looked after are urged by Mr. Brewer to inform him about it.

These men are working for the Federal government and the state for the small amount of 10 cents an hour and working only four days a week. There has been something said about the wages being higher than the farmer could pay and above the scale prevalent here, but the price is fixed by state officials by agreement and Mr. Brewer has no control over them.

Three winters ago, Mr. Brewer came here after having been sent by the Salvation Army for relief work after a request had been made to the army by local people for a worker. Last winter he stayed here and worked, distributing funds donated by local agencies.

This winter Mrs. Brewer has been secured by cooperation with the state at a small salary to look after this work. Assisting Mrs. Brewer is her husband. They both work for the salary of one. Each year Mr. Brewer puts back into the work over \$200, which is more than the town or perhaps the county donates to this work, as the state pays him as much as the town and county together.

Bickering and criticism has been made of the efforts of Mr. Brewer on

Creswell Young Tar Heel Farmers Club Sponsors Event Friday

Creswell.—Mixed emotions played upon the 50 boys and men that braved sleet and snow to gather in the Creswell High School building last Friday night to celebrate the third Father and Son banquet that is held annually under the auspices of the local capter of the Young Tar Heel Farmers of North Carolina.

The reasons for the different feelings of the attendants were the boys and their subjects as the merry crowd rollicked and vented their hilarious spleen when Joe Baker Davenport cracked the jokes and in the next breath settled down in soberness as Ira Allgood spoke like a "congressman" about the future of the American farmer.

The poise and dignity that was manifested by the officers who went through the ritual of the chapter of the Future Farmers of America drew praise and comment from the outside speakers including James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction, who also praised the work and the other performers on the program.

Rev. W. H. Hollowell, pastor of the Baptist Church, said the invocation as the banqueters stood around the table that was heavily laden with edibles that were for the most part fresh from the farms of the community, prepared and served by girls of the school and their friends.

Jesse Craddock made a toast to the fathers to which responded Eli Spruill. Hilton Chesson presided over the event. Ernest Davenport who helped him included Joe Baker Davenport, Hilton Chesson; Bill Jordan and Junior Spruill. A talk on soil improvement was made by Dockie Davenport.

A trio that also featured the singing was composed of Jesse Craddock, Glenn Davenport and Junior Spruill. Stanley Ainsley made a good talk on soil acidity. A mock boxing match was staged as a stunt with Junior Spear and Kenneth Chesson using the gloves and Forest Snell and Orval Allgood as seconds and Whitford Swain as referee. Both were knocked out.

Mercer Stillman was there with the goods in reciting the creed of the Future Farmers of America. C. H. Rabon, head of the department of vocational agriculture in the school, with a banjo and R. L. Leitchfield, a teacher, with a cornet, assisted the regular pianist Miss Dorothy Woodley.

Special guests who were recognized and made short talks included: J. W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction; Walter H. Paramore, managing editor of the Roanoke Beacon; O. R. Armstrong, member board of county commissioners; C. N. Davenport, member board of education; A. D. Aderholdt, principal.

Father of Mrs. Brewer Dies in Sebring, Fla.

Mrs. W. C. Brewer left Monday for Sebring, Florida to attend the funeral of her father, Adjt. Geo. B. Austin who died there Saturday.

Although it was known that he was seriously ill, yet his death came as a shock to the family. Mrs. Austin was buried four weeks ago.

Some things, so the Beacon made an investigation and found that on every hand it appeared that the work was being run on a purely sound business basis, as Mr. Brewer said, "I am handling the money of the Federal government, and I don't want to get in jail, but I want to date it according to their instructions issued through bulletins to my office."

All the records at the courthouse are well kept. Each case card, if not up to date, is being worked on to keep it up to date at all times. Mr. Brewer is submerged beneath a pile of blanks that explains to the government his program each day, and he must keep his records right so that at any time an audit is called for he will be ready for it.

Christmas Greetings

Though the year is fast drawing to a close, we would consider it far from complete unless we offered to our kind readers and good friends the sentiments of the season as expressed in the following little verse:

Not just a Merry Christmastide When happiness holds sway, Not just a crowded day of cheer With joy and laughter gay; Instead, may memory store these hours And give to you the key, That Christmas joy shall still live on Through days that are to be!

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JURY LIST FOR FINAL RITES ARE SEEK TO MAKE JANUARY COURT HELD SATURDAY OFFICE ELECTIVE FOR MRS. MAYO

Drawn by County Board of Commissioners at Last Regular Meeting

Jurors chosen by the Washington County Commissioners for the January term of Superior Court are as follows:

- First Week: Plymouth: J. T. Terry, R. L. Tetterton, E. H. Harris, E. R. Jackson, Sam Stallings, Dan R. Satterthwaite, W. H. Gurkin, E. L. Davenport, Lloyd C. Waters, J. H. Riddick, J. T. McNair. Skinnersville: E. Pritchett, J. B. White, B. O. Oliver, and S. B. Davenport. Lees Mills: G. C. Phelps, L. L. Mizelle, L. D. Barr, A. J. Edwards, B. M. Snell, C. W. Blount, Jr., N. W. Spruill, J. F. Carter, N. H. Peacock, J. H. Gaylord III, John W. Snell. Scuppernon: H. Waddell Phelps, Claude C. Phelps, Hoyt Davenport, Robert Davenport, Dennie H. Phelps, Louis N. Spruill, W. B. Woodley, F. B. Smith, J. C. Gatlin, W. C. Stillman.

Second Week

- Plymouth: H. C. Owens, Henry Midgett, W. H. Clark, C. T. Coffield, L. V. Landing, D. V. Clayton, C. H. Robinson, E. M. Chesson, R. J. Sydenstricker, George W. Bowen. Lees Mills: T. E. Furlough, R. W. Lewis, Thomas W. Tarkenton, W. J. Hassell, J. F. Chesson, H. T. Sexton. Scuppernon: Leon Davenport, Jas. A. Ambrose, Sam D. Phelps, S. E. Davenport, Arthur W. Furlough, Thomas F. Davenport, and James W. Spruill. None were chosen for the second week from Skinnersville.

County Home Grounds Are Being Improved

The county home grounds are being beautified by the aid of the funds for the unemployed. Mrs. Spruill, who has charge of the county home, has had dreams of improving the grounds, but she just hadn't been able to get the labor.

Now the yard is being leveled and the outbuildings are being screened by hedge. The buildings have all been whitewashed, some of the outbuildings have been moved back and ferns have been moved also. Underpinnings have been started around the dwellings, and foundation plantings have been made. Mr. Spruill has had a good share in the work also. He has been especially valuable in supervising.

If any one has any flowers of any kind, please don't throw away. The home agent can use them somewhere.

Wife of Prominent Local Business Man Died Last Thursday Night

Funeral services were held Saturday at the home on Monroe Street for Mrs. Bessie Mayo, 47 years of age, wife of W. J. Mayo, prominent bottler of Plymouth, who succumbed to attacks of a chronic disease last Thursday night.

Part of the rites were held at the home with the Rev. H. Lucas, pastor of the Baptist church, and Dr. J. W. Harrell, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. The service was concluded at the grave three miles from Bethel, where interment was made.

Surviving Mrs. Mayo is a husband, and the following children in Plymouth; Lyman, Martha, Elmo, Alton, Norman, Reuben. Active pall-bearers were T. J. Swain, John Leggett, John Darden, P. W. Darden, Joe Norman, Joe Oliver, and B. G. Campbell. Honorary pall-bearers: Dr. C. McGowan, Sheriff J. K. Reid, Bob Bate-man, Leland Thompson, J. B. Wiloughby, H. C. Spruill, Dr. T. L. Bray, A. D. Bassinger, Jack Weede, Fenton Reid, P. W. Brinkley, D. V. Clayton, E. H. Liverman, E. G. Arps, Lloyd Horton, Dr. R. L. Whitehurst, W. H. Clark, Raymond Leggett, Zeno Lyon, G. W. Hardison, H. S. Midgett, Alt Jordan, H. A. Williford, A. L. Owens, George Bowen, L. S. Landing, Roy Swain, T. A. Stubbs, Gilbert Davis, J. B. Edmundson.

Score of Farmers Sign Up Sixty Acres of Tomatoes

Upwards of a score of farmers have signed up 60 acres of tomatoes for the Plymouth Township Tomato Exchange, that will be operated here next season, it was determined at a meeting held for the signers Tuesday night of last week. Z. V. Norman presided.

Letters have been sent to 100 people, who have been chosen for membership, and these men are urged by Mr. Dunning and the others who are sponsoring the event to get the contracts and read them over at once. About 50 growers were at the meeting Tuesday night.

Already the charter for the organization has been secured, and as soon as about 300 acres have been signed up, then the farmers are to meet and perfect their organization by electing officers and choosing a selling agent. This organization will make possible a cannery for Plymouth next season.

Bar Association Sponsors Bill To Elect Solicitor of Recorder's Court

Efforts to convert the now appointive office of prosecuting attorney of the Washington County's Recorder's Court into an elective office to be filled by the voters the same as the recorder judge is the object of the Washington County Bar Association.

A motion was put by E. L. Owens and seconded by Van B. Martin at a meeting last week of the local attorneys, at which time they prepared the court calendar, to ask Senator-elect Carl L. Bailey and Representative-elect C. E. Mizelle to introduce a bill in the legislature to make this an elective office.

The motion was carried with W. M. Darden, Van B. Martin, E. L. Owens, and Zeb Vance Norman favoring the motion with C. L. Bailey, secretary of the bar association, voting against it. W. L. Whitley, who presided over the meeting, did not vote, as there was no tie to be decided.

C. L. Bailey, who is now prosecuting attorney until W. L. Whitley assumes the office in January, as secretary of the lawyer's organization, was asked to prepare the bill and turn a copy over to Mr. Mizelle and retain a copy for himself to present to the legislature.

School Ground Being Beautified At Cherry

Cherry.—The Cherry school grounds are being improved under the supervision of Mrs. A. W. Davenport. The school building was erected last summer, and the grounds needed plantings to set the building off as it should be. Each child in school that was large enough to take up a tree or shrub was asked to bring a tree or shrub. They planted trees and now they are attending them with all the care that can be given to make them grow in a hurry.

"We are so thankful to Mrs. Davenport for her time and work on the yard. We will all be proud to know that we had a part in it," says Miss Eugenia Patterson.

Marriage Licenses Issued in December

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following white couples during the month of December by Mrs. Mary O. Sawyer, register of deeds: Evner Sawyer, Jamesville, to Miss Thelma Mobley, of Pantego, December 19; Dallas R. Respess, Plymouth, to Miss Rachel Russ, Pantego, December 19.

Town, County Folks Ready for Christmas

FULL STATEMENT OF CONDITION IS ASKED IN LETTER

Republicans Ask Publication of Statement; Law Is Cited

A copy of a letter written to George W. Hardison, chairman of the Board of Washington County Commissioners and T. J. Swain, chairman of the Board of Education of Washington County, has been received by The Beacon. The copy was marked "open letter" and was dated December 15, 1932, and was signed by the Republican Executive Committee at Roper. The letter requested that a statement of the county affairs be published so that the taxpayers may know how the county is standing. The letter follows: "We understand the Consolidated Statutes, under section 1334 requires county boards, after the first regular December meeting of each year, to publish a full and complete itemized financial statement of the county's affairs.

"This important matter has been overlooked by your board. It will be greatly appreciated by the taxpayers of Washington County if your honorable board will have the county accountant to publish a financial statement at your earliest convenience, in accordance with the consolidated statutes under the above section."

The statutes referred to above read as follows: County Statements C. S. (1334)—Annual statement of claims and revenues to be published. The board shall cause to be posted at the courthouse within five days after each regular December meeting and for at least four successive weeks, or after each regular monthly meeting, if they deem it advisable, and for one week, the name of every individual whose account has been audited.

300 WORKING ON WELFARE JOBS

Trying To Earn Money for Christmas; Supervisor Here Again

More than 300 workmen are busy this week on the welfare projects, trying to earn something for their Christmas. Miss Mary Ward, federal supervisor, was again in the county Monday on an inspection tour, and seemed pleased at the progress made, as well as delighted at the fine assortment of things contributed by the students of Plymouth High School. There is enough to provide food for ten families.

The Episcopal Sunday school, under the supervision of W. F. Winslow, has adopted four families, with a total of 20 people, who will be made glad on this festive day, and two other large families were taken by friends, making a total of 16 families provided for. It is to be hoped that many other friends will come to the rescue before December 23, and it is thought they will, said W. C. Brewer, "as Roper and Creswell are making preparations to remember those in their community."

Mr. Brewer makes the request that all those who have pledged to bring in a chicken to do so at once. There have already been 11 hens donated and brought in.

Alba Woman's Club Has Responded to Welfare Call

By Miss Eugenia Patterson Mrs. Stuart Darden was appointed welfare secretary in the Alba community at the last Alba club meeting and last Tuesday she exhibited her ability for the position. She left her home early last Tuesday morning, accompanied by Mrs. T. S. Allen and her car. At sundown she was in Plymouth with a car loaded down as her day's work to turn over to the welfare department to be used for the needy.

The contents of her car were something as follows: 4 bushels of sweet potatoes; about 50 quarts fruits and vegetables; turnips, carrots, and peas. Last year the Alba Club ranked as one of the best clubs in the State, not only in Washington County. The fed-

MONDAY TO BE OBSERVED AS HOLIDAY HERE

Weather Forecast for Week End Not Encouraging; Urge Shopping Now

Christmas in Washington County this year will hardly be marked by a snow but cold weather is promised with rain for Saturday of this week, and the last-minute shoppers are urged to make their purchases before the week-end. Merchants have put their stores in order for the event and now it is up to the buying public to clean them out. Add to this the fact that a number have heralded with appropriate advertising their bargains for the Yuletide event, thus bringing people to town from each section.

It appears now that Monday will be celebrated as a holiday by the merchants as Christmas day comes on Sunday, which is in itself a holiday. So clerks and tired business men and their other aides will spend Monday by their firesides or visiting according to their desires.

It will take more than Christmas Day for the little tots to get over their thrills for their new toys and new clothing that will be dropped in their stockings for them by old Santa when he makes his annual visit to the homes in Washington County and elsewhere. Beautiful and appropriate lights have been erected in the downtown business section by local relief labor, while the Virginia Electric and Power Company will generously contribute the current to aid in spreading the Christmas spirit and in celebrating this occasion.

Then there is the Riverview Park at the end of Jefferson Street that will be the scene of the singing of Christmas carols, with children from all sections participating, and with Cicero Norman as leader. Also a short Christmas speech will probably be made. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer will sponsor the event.

Amid the merry-making, no one should feel that any one has been neglected as the churches, civic organizations, and the regular welfare agencies under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer will look after the needy at this glad season of the year, when every heart should be made cheerful. Donations should be made to Mr. and Mrs. Brewer, who will find the proper place for the gift and determine where it will be of the most benefit. Also if any private gift is made for relief purposes, then Mr. Brewer should be notified to avoid duplication and to credit the kind deed on his records for report to the Federal Government.

Churches will be tuned to the spirit of the occasion, as the ministers are expected to deliver special Christmas sermons on the Nativity of Christ, with the many lessons that it teaches, and choirs will chant and render in various music renditions the truths of the occasion. Weather reports are to the effect that Wednesday will be cold, as winter officially begins on that day; Thursday will be threatened by inclement weather and overhanging clouds; Friday will mean gales; Saturday is to bring rain; Sunday cold, and Monday will be blustery.

Increases Corn Yield By Plowing Under Vetch Plowing under a field of vetch increased the resulting corn yield by 11.8 bushels an acre as compared with where no vetch was planted, according to results secured by Jesse Cornelius, of Terrell, Catawba County.

eraffon president comes from this club, one of the outstanding women in the northeastern section of North Carolina, Mrs. W. H. Harrison. The welfare department wishes to express their appreciation to the club, and the home agent was mighty proud to see what the club had done. It is hoped that the other clubs are supporting the school lunches and welfare department as loyally as the Alba Club. Some of the other clubs have sent donations, but not as a group, and the welfare department wishes to express its thanks to each of them.

Many Children Are Dependent on Your Generosity for Their Christmas---Don't Disappoint Them