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COTTON MEETS ARE BEING HELD IN THIS COUNTY

Believe Majority of County Farmers Favor Plan to Reduce Acreage

Cotton growers in Washington County are joining in the reduction in cotton acreage in the south, as meetings are being held in the different townships, and the growers are pledging themselves to eliminate enough acres so that there will be a favorable market for that produced.

They met in the courthouse in Plymouth Monday night and in Roper Tuesday night and in Creswell on Wednesday night, and a representative group was present at each meeting. It now appears that the required reduction of from 25 to 40 per cent will be taken care of if the men at these meetings are a fair indication.

Not only are they coming in at the meetings, but they are coming into the office in Plymouth of Farm Agent R. E. Dunning, who is in charge of this work, and they are filling out the blanks provided them, and it appears now that the crop will be reduced about 750 acres from last year, and this will make it much less in this small county.

In 1931 there were 1,722 acres planted in Washington County, and there was an average yield of 336 pounds an acre, making it 1,212 acres with a price average of 5.6 cents per pound. The 1931 crop was valued at \$34,137, with an average value of \$19.82 per acre. The present crop is expected to be much less.

The Beacon does not have available the 1933 crop figures, but they will average around about the same amount as in 1931, according to many who keep up with the statistics, and if this is so then there will be only about 1,000 acres of this crop produced in Washington County in 1933 should the reduction plan be followed.

The average estimate of reduction in Washington County this season, according to Mr. Dunning, will be about 30 per cent, which is not the minimum nor the maximum of the quota. If the movement is successful in North Carolina as it appears now that it will be, there must be 363,000 acres cut with 3,000,000 acres abandoned in the cotton states.

Those who are interested are urged to see Mr. Dunning or to get in touch with B. G. O'Brien at Roper, or C. H. Rabon, at Creswell, and they will get the blanks for their filing from the office here of Mr. Dunning. Mr. Dunning advises the farmers that all those participating in this will have to get their blanks to the government by July 8, 1933.

GIVES ADVICE ON TOBACCO CURING

Growers Urged To Watch Plants Closely for Best Time To Harvest

Below is a letter from a reader of the Beacon who very clearly sets forth some matters about tobacco that are interesting to Beacon readers:

"My father grew tobacco for 70 years and was quite a tobaccoist. He found that there are better times than others for harvesting tobacco in order for it to cure nicely and be rich and 'waxy.' I desire to pass this information to tobacco growers.

In explanation, let me say that tobacco has an oily substance which is its natural possession. It also has a sap (water) which comes and goes at intervals during the life of the plant. When the sap rises it runs the oil out through the pores of the leaf to the surface where it forms a 'gum' well known to all tobacco growers. Oil and water do not mix, and oil being the lighter is pushed out as explained and tobacco harvested in this condition will cure badly and be light and worthless when cured. But, harvest tobacco when fullest of oil and the sap down, it will cure easily and will be rich and heavy. The oil can not evaporate in the process of curing and remains to give wealth to the tobacco.

I shall be pleased to answer any letters from tobacco growers, provided postage is sent for reply.

W. H. DAVIS,
Mocksville, N. C., R. F. D. 3,
June 16, 1933.

Tomatoes Being Shipped Daily From This Point

Tomatoes are being shipped steadily. Cars are leaving here daily. Returns are being received and they average around \$1.35 a basket purchased here. The recent rains have been good on the vegetables and tomatoes in particular, but the crop will be limited despite this.

HOLIDAY JULY 4

Inasmuch as next Tuesday is July Fourth and is generally celebrated as a holiday, the stores in Plymouth will be closed. Those wishing to trade here must come on Monday or Wednesday, as the business houses and stores will observe this holiday date.

It is also noticeable that the stores and business houses will be open all days the following Wednesday instead of celebrating the usual Wednesday afternoon off. This will apply only to July 5, as all of the other Wednesday afternoons for the rest of the summer will be holidays for the business men.

Customers and patrons of the local people are urged to bear this in mind that the stores will be closed all day Tuesday and open all day Wednesday. They are urged to do their purchasing on the open days.

WAGES RAISED AT LOCAL PLANT IN PAST FEW DAYS

Increase Ranges From 10 To 13 Per Cent; Needed By Workers

Falling in line with other industrial enterprises that have favored their employees as the general business conditions of the country have improved, the Plymouth Box and Panel Company, through their general manager, Eugene F. Still, has announced an increase in wages to the laborers in the plant.

This increase was from 10 to 13 per cent and affected only the day employees, as the salaried officials have not been affected by the recent increase in pay, as it is thought that they received their raise some time ago. The salaries personnel counts only a few men.

This plant started operations again this spring with only a few men employed, but today there are 135 men at work, and this is the number that were employed at the plant when it closed down more than a year ago while the Chicago Mill and Lumber Company was in charge of its operations.

It appears now that in the future there will be an increase in the operations here as much as elsewhere in the country. The plywood box business is getting a little better, as more and more manufacturers get more business and in turn have to use these boxes for their commodities.

The increase in salary was not made in the understanding that the box has advanced in price. But it was done as a sacrifice of the officials in the belief that it was needed among the employees. The local plant has hopes in the future, but now is having a struggle to exist, as many of the other firms in business all the time are trying to stifle them into a price-cutting war.

This plant can produce boxes cheaply, although the new wage increase calls for about \$1 a day for the laborer, and Mr. Still and the officials are endeavoring to sell their boxes despite the handicapping efforts of their competitors.

Welfare Workers Are Attending Institute

A state welfare school for social workers is in progress at Chapel Hill from June 19 to July 14. W. C. Brewer and Ludford McNair are attending and hope to learn much that will benefit the welfare work of Washington County.

Mr. Brewer spent the week-end in Plymouth, accompanied by his nephew Norman E. Brewer, of Winston-Salem and his bride, who was Miss Helen Barber, of the same city. Their wedding was solemnized in Christ Moravian parsonage by Rev. Carl Melnich at high noon Friday, June 23rd.

After a short visit in Plymouth and Chapel Hill, they returned to their home.

Canning School at Pleasant Grove Scheduled on July 12

On Wednesday, July 12, Miss McInnis, a canning specialist, will hold a canning school at the home of Mrs. W. B. Chesson in the Pleasant Grove community. All Pleasant Grove people are expected to come and so are the canning leaders from each club in the county. The 4-H club girls are asked to attend if possible. It will be held under the big oak trees and will be comfortable and fine. Don't miss this. The latest methods in canning fruits and vegetables will be demonstrated.—Miss Eugenia Patterson.

MANY CHANGES WILL BE MADE IN POST OFFICE

H. A. Liverman and R. E. Tarkenton Resign Their Positions

More changes in the personnel of the Plymouth post office will be noticed here on the morning of July 1, when the local mail center is reorganized by postal officials back to a third-class office from which it was promoted several years ago.

H. A. (Chubby) Liverman, who has been in the post office here for a number of years, serving as assistant postmaster and as secretary of the local Civil Service Commission, has handed in his resignation to become effective when the office reverts back to its lower classification.

Also R. E. (Bob) Tarkenton, who is assistant chief of the local fire department, as well as a postal clerk here for years, will abdicate as the result of his resignation handed in some time ago. Mr. Tarkenton came in about six years ago under the regime of Postmaster A. L. Alexander.

If the word of the officials can be accepted, then no one here knows who will be appointed clerk to succeed Mr. Tarkenton, as Miss Mary Gardner, who has been in the post office for years, has been appointed assistant postmaster to replace Mr. Liverman in this position.

It is generally conceded here, but nothing is definitely known, that there is a probability that the allowance for clerk hire in the local post office will be dropped from over \$100 a month down to from \$40 to \$60 a month, and that there will be no rush for the office.

Or it may be that Postmaster Geo. W. Hardison and Miss Mary Gardner may have to struggle along without much help for a while, as the allowance for operating the third-class office may be short, and if it is high enough there may be only a margin for extra clerk hire.

It appears now that the two village carriers—Alton Lilley and Wilmer Chesson—will continue for an indefinite time, however, there is nothing definite about this, as it is the contention of some that inasmuch as there is a lot of mail re-despatched through this office that a clerk would be more valuable than two village carriers.

Whatever may be said and done, now is mere speculation as the officials if they know anything here they are tight-lipped and will not put out any information that a newspaperman can get hold of, despite continual conversations with Mr. Hardison and others.

DISPLAY TO BE SHOWN HERE

Number Garments Made by Red Cross Workers To Be Displayed

An attractive display of garments made in Plymouth Red Cross sewing room will be in the windows of the old White Store Saturday only.

The sewing room has been operating for four weeks under the capable direction of Mrs. M. G. Darden, as 314 garments have been made from 454 yards of material.

The ladies who have taken part have shown real skill in the neat, well-made clothes that will make glad the hearts of those who are benefited by their kind interest and labor. Mrs. W. C. Brewer takes great pride in calling the attention of the public to the windows where some of these garments will be displayed.

A similar sewing room is in progress in Roper under Mrs. William Bell's efficient leadership, and a later announcement of their demonstration of work accomplished will be given.

Home Loan Bank Officers For County Are Named

The organization of the Washington County unit of the Home Loan Bank system that is being sponsored by the Federal Government will be set up as soon as possible. The nearest bank in this district will be in Greensville, with the state headquarters in Salisbury.

The following officials have been nominated by Congressman Warren in this county: L. E. Hassell, appraiser; C. L. Bailey, attorney; and T. J. Swain, W. L. Whitley, and J. C. Gattlin on the advisory committee.

Colored Girl Taken To School at Effand

A colored girl was taken to Effand school by Mrs. Brewer, accompanied by Miss Eugenia Patterson, last week. They also attended the institute of government and welfare classes Friday and Saturday, returning for the week-end with Mr. Brewer and party.

BASEBALL SIDELIGHTS

Grimesland defeated Plymouth, 6 to 5, last Thursday in Grimesland to mark up the fifth defeat the local team has suffered this season. Van Horn was a hurler for Plymouth but was sent back to first base. Charlie Mizelle's big bat won for Grimesland with a double with two on base in the latter part of the game.

Walter Davis let Battery D down with nine hits while Plymouth pounded Bill Wheaton and Bill Ferebee for 11 safeties to beat New Bern, 7 to 5. Van Horn fainted while sliding into third to add to Plymouth's injured list. Furches, Gurganus, Peel, and Morris led with two hits each. Glasgow made two errors for Plymouth.

The Caromont Mills team of Rocky Mount played Plymouth nine innings to a 9 to 9 deadlock when the game was called by Umpire Dick Watson on account of threatened rain and darkness. The visitors knocked Glasgow from the box with Furches going in to relieve him in the latter innings. Mason hit a homer for the visitors, while Chappell and Morris each smashed out a four-bagger for Plymouth.

Ayden overcame a five run lead here Tuesday to defeat Plymouth 10 to 9 in a free-scoring game. Morris, H. Brown, and Melton hit a homer each for Plymouth, while Wall clouted for the circuit for Ayden. Croaker, Dunn and Johnson allowed Plymouth 15 hits, while Melton and Glasgow yielded 12 to the visitors.

Walter Davis hurled no-hit baseball for six innings against Columbia here Wednesday afternoon as Plymouth defeated them, 16 to 2. Davis also struck out nine. Tex Edens pitched the last three innings, allowing only two hits. The locals hit the two visiting hurlers hard for 15 safeties.

Schedule for week:

June 30: No game.
July 1: Plymouth at B., H., N. Haven.
July 2: Rocky Mount at Plymouth.
July 3: Rest day.
July 4: Naval Base All Stars of Norfolk (champions of the Norfolk area). Two games: 10:30 in the morning and 4 in the afternoon.
July 5: Williamston at Plymouth.

J. Frank Furches has been manager of the Plymouth baseball club with W. R. Hampton as president of the organization. A finance committee, composed of B. A. Sumner, Dr. C. McGowan, and P. W. Brown, with the latter as treasurer has been named also to complete the organization.

FAMILY ROW IN COUNTY COURT

Two Families Air Troubles Before Recorder Here

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case of Mrs. Dorothy Sawyer, who was arraigned in recorder's court here Tuesday charged with using profane and obscene language and making threats on R. R. Sanderson, who lives next to J. T. Chambers, whose daughter is charged with the misdemeanor.

The case against R. R. Sanderson, charging him with "coming upon my premises and raising a fuss with my family," was not prosed. Both of the indictments grew out of the same controversy which was said to have originated when Mr. Sanderson endeavored to end an argument between Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. W. J. Merritt.

The two families live next door to each other, and they have been having trouble over chickens and other such squabble for some time. Prosecutor Whitley endeavored to bring to the attention of the court the nature of the case and Judge Darden decided to continue the case to await developments. Mr. Sanderson is 71 years old.

RELIEF WORK

Relief agencies in Washington County cared for about two-thirds less families in May as compared to April, it was learned today from figures released by the Governor's office of relief.

In May there were only 367 families helped, while in April, there were 988, showing a decrease of 621 families in one week. This decrease is due largely to the fact that many of those who have been depending on the welfare agency are now securing food from their gardens, and also there has been a limited improvement in general conditions.

YOUNG MAN IS GORED BY ANGRY BULL NEAR HERE

Improvement Is Noted in Condition of Clayton Harrison

A gradual improvement is being noted today in the slow recovery of Clayton Harrison, 18 years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Harrison, of the Long Acre section of Washington County, who was seriously injured when gored by an angry bull in the stock yard of his home near here last Thursday.

The infuriated animal plunged one of his horns into the right side of the youth and threw him about 15 feet in the air with the helpless victim landing at the animal's feet. The nose of the bull muzzed up his face as the animal endeavored to again gore the boy.

The horn penetrated the youth's side into the abdominal cavity. When help reached the boy grass seed and dirt and a collection of other injurious objects had been pressed through the wound into the body of the child as the angry bull pawed up the dirt and grass beneath his feet.

One thing in the boy's favor and that was that the animal apparently made no effort or at least any successful effort to paw the victim after the boy fell from the fling in the air. The animal instead utilized its efforts to get the boy on its horn again for another fling into the air.

As soon as help arrived for the boy then medical aid was summoned and Dr. T. L. Bray responded and rendered first aid by cleaning out the wound and wrapping and taping the body after which relatives rushed him to a Washington Hospital where he is now convalescing.

The wound was serious but Dr. Bray is of the opinion that the boy will fully recover unless peritonitis results.

PLYMOUTH WINS, 10 TO 8, MONDAY

Slim Gardner Stars in Game At Williamston; Return Contest July 5th Here

Williamston, N. C., June 27—Williamston's baseball team, the leaders in the Albemarle league, lost the first in a series of three games here yesterday afternoon to Plymouth's star independent nine. "Slim" Gardner, county boy, going to the mound for the visitors in the third inning, turned in the one redeeming performance of the contest, holding the locals hitless and making a homer in the eighth to score two men ahead of him and win the game, 10 to 8.

While Plymouth was making 7 hits and 5 errors, the locals were busy making 7 errors and 5 hits. The visitors, winners of 18 out of 22 games so far this year, had an off-day and so did the Albemarle club leaders. Newsome, new pitcher for the locals, worked in his first game here, allowing 7 hits. Chappell, shortstop for the visitors, made a home run in the first, scoring two men ahead of him. Peel, for Plymouth, was the only man on either team to get more than one hit, collecting a double and a triple.

The two teams will play the second game of the series in Plymouth on Wednesday, July 5.

Box score and summary:
WILLIAMSTON AB R H PO A E
Earp, ss 5 2 1 4 2 0
Gaylord, lf 2 2 1 1 0 0
Latham, c 2 2 0 5 0 2
Brake, 2b 4 1 0 1 2 2
Uzlie, 3b 5 0 1 0 1 0
James, rf 4 1 0 2 0 1
Scherry 0 0 0 0 0 0
Taylor, lb 5 0 1 13 1 1
Frank, cf 2 0 0 0 0 0
Herring, cf 2 0 0 0 0 0
Newsome, p 2 0 1 1 1 1

Totals 33 8 5 27 7 7
xBatted for James in 9th.

PLYMOUTH AB R H PO A E
Brown, 2b 3 1 0 3 0 1
Peel, c 5 2 2 8 1 0
V. Horn, lb 4 2 1 7 0 1
Furches, 3b 4 0 1 7 0 1
Chappel, ss 5 1 0 1 0 0
Edens, rf 5 1 0 1 0 0
Morris, cf 3 1 0 0 0 2
Gurganus, lf 3 1 1 0 0 0
Melton, p 1 0 0 0 1 0
Gardner, p 3 1 1 0 1 0

Totals 36 10 7 27 5 5

Score by innings:
Plymouth 3 11 0 0 3 1—10
Williamston 4 30 0 10 0—8

Summary: Two-base hits: Peel, Gaylord, Taylor; three-base hit: Peel; Home runs: Gardner, Chappell; double plays: Baker (unassisted), Earp to Brake to Taylor; wild pitch: Gardner; bases on balls: off Newsome 5; off Melton 4; off Gardner 6; struck out: by Newsome 4, by Melton 0, by Gardner 7. Umpires: Joyner and Wyatt.

The curb market, established at Lenior in Caldwell County eight months ago, is now selling over \$500.00 worth of farm products each month. There are 21 farm families that sell each market day.

CROPS ON DIET

Here is an item taken from the Personal Mention column of the June issue of the Extension Farm News that is published monthly by the Agricultural Extension Service of the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering that mentions R. W. Johnston, of Plymouth:

"Our old friend and former county agent, Bob Johnston, of Plymouth, always uses a trailer on his car. Neighbors, noticing that he was bringing out one sack of fertilizer each trip this spring asked him the reason for the small tonnage."

"I've got my crops on a diet," replied Bob."

AVERAGE OF 126 CRIMINAL CASES TRIED ANNUALLY

County Ranks 69th in List of Counties; 1 Case To Each 92.1 Inhabitants

There is an average of 126 people tried on various charges in Washington County each year, according to statistics compiled by Irvin Boyle, of the department of rural-social economics of the University of North Carolina, from figures obtained from the biennial report of Attorney General Dennis S. Brummit.

This includes all criminals tried in superior court and in courts below the superior court that report to the attorney general. This does not, however, include those cases heard by magistrates or police trial judges that are of minor importance as many of these cases are not reported to the officials unless a fine is attached to them.

The yearly average of cases disposed of in the two years period from which the figures were secured showed that there were 92.1 inhabitants for each case and makes Washington rank 69th among the 100 counties in North Carolina in the matter of inhabitants per case for the yearly average.

A list of the leading crimes in Washington County during the period from July 1, 1930, to July 1, 1932, shows that many of the crimes are common in the courts here, as many of those who follow the activities and functions of this work can prove. There are 17 of the leading charges that are placed most against the people here.

Included in the common crimes here are abandonment, affray, assault, assault with a deadly weapon, breaking and entering, carrying concealed weapon, embezzlement, forcible trespass, forgery, gambling and lottery, housebreaking and larceny and receiving, violating motor vehicle laws, violating prohibition laws, storebreaking, trespass, and worthless checks.

J. A. STILLMAN DIED SUNDAY

Funeral Is Held Sunday Afternoon at Oak Grove Baptist Church

Piney Grove.—The funeral of J. A. Stillman, aged 65, whose death occurred Sunday afternoon at his home, was conducted at the Oak Grove Missionary Baptist church Monday afternoon with the Rev. W. H. Hollowell officiating.

Mr. Stillman had been a member of the Baptist church for many years, and always was a great leader in his church. He had been confined to his bed for quite a while. He had a host of friends and relatives who loved him as a devoted church worker. Many beautiful flowers were contributed.

Pall-bearers included: Willie, Mercer, Phillip, Joe, Clint, and Carley Stillman. Honorary pall-bearers were Marie, Mae, Callie, and Beulah Patrick, Gladys and Florida Collins, also Mr. Stillman's two granddaughters, Thelma and Selma Stillman.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Elsie Stillman, he is survived by the following children: Willie and Joe Stillman, of Collingdale, Pa.; Phillip Stillman, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Gilbert Stillman, who is at present working on a boat. Mercer, Edward, and Connie, who are now at home.

Sales Tax Becomes Effective Tomorrow

The sales tax will be applied to goods purchased in Plymouth stores on Saturday, July 1. This 3 per cent sales tax was passed by the legislature to aid in defraying the expenses of the school system for eight months. So the law decrees that it must be passed on to the purchaser and can not be absorbed by the merchant.

MIXED TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT TO BEGIN JULY 10

Two Cases of Revolting Nature Scheduled; Judge Barnhill To Preside

Important cases are scheduled for disposition in the mixed term of Washington County Superior Court that will convene here on July 10 with Judge M. V. Barnhill presiding. The first three days will be taken for criminal cases with the remainder for civil matters.

The first one is that of Charles Anderson, middle-aged negro, who is charged with betraying the white daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Gurganus. The negro was used to being around the girl much in the daytime, and it resulted in possibly a temptation that neither could resist. The girl is probably mentally sub-normal.

The second case is that of incest that was placed on docket last week as a charge against Ed Sawyer by his 15-year-old daughter, who charged that her father ill-treated her several times during the month of May. The two slept in the same room and possibly on the same bed, it was learned. The father is being held under a heavy bond.

Then there are several other cases that will come up for disposition that will not draw as much attention as the two above. They will deal with the appeals from the lower court and with cases higher than the recorder's court jurisdiction but not as sensational as the two chief cases.

Civil cases are scheduled to begin occupying the attention of the court on Thursday. Motion and divorce cases will be called at the pleasure of the court. It may probably take the entire week for the criminal docket, as it is understood some of the other cases will run into time before they are cleared away.

The following civil matters are on the docket: Mae Simmons, administratrix, against Emma Brantley, administratrix; J. C. Tarkenton vs. G. W. Ainsley, and W. T. Phelps vs. the Bank of Creswell. This last case concerns a deposit that brought on a controversy in the amount that should have been credited to Mr. Phelps.

COTTON EARLIER THAN FOR YEARS

Number Blossoms Brought To Office Here; First Found June 22

Blossoms are appearing on cotton stalks in this county fast now, as the result of the hot and dry weather which is always good on the staple.

Two people have come to the Beacon office with the blooms and have asked that they be put on display where they can be seen by the public, as this is something unusual for the blossoms to be turning at this time, when it is the usual custom for them to begin blossoming about the Fourth of July.

Will Sanders brought one to the office here that was grown on his farm in the Long Acre section, known as the Bateman place. They came two weeks earlier than last year and much earlier than years before. Mr. Sanders has three acres of the staple this year.

This bloom was found on June 23, while Monday morning a son of Howard Harrison brought a blossom that budded out on June 22. This was found only a day earlier than that of Mr. Sanders, and it is thought that those who stroll into the cotton fields about here can find many more.

Mr. Harrison is living on Jim Harrison's place in the Chapel Hill section a few miles from town. He also is planting four acres of cotton for this year. Both of these two men have early blooms, and the Beacon is glad to give them recognition for the unusual occurrence.

This hot and dry weather is good for cotton and the cotton growers appreciate it, but they point out that it is bad on many food crops, including tomatoes and it is a settled fact that a man not eat cotton, although he needs it to wear, and they are anxious for a change.

Creswell Gets Wins Over Creswell and Belhaven

Creswell.—Columbia suffered a crushing defeat, when Stallings held them to three hits Sunday in a game here. The final score was 11 to 2 in favor of Creswell.

Belhaven was held to two hits by Haywood in a hard-fought game on Tuesday, Creswell winning by a score of 6 to 2. Games wanted with teams within a radius of 100 miles. Communicate with J. C. Gattlin, assistant manager, Creswell. Phone 9101.