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RED CROSS CALLS FOR REPORT OF FAMILIES AIDED

Record Enrollment Hoped For At Annual Roll Call On November 11th

The American Red Cross in view of their approaching roll call November 11, has requested that a full report of flour and cloth distribution in Washington County since the first was received, June 1932, be published.

In North Carolina and other states, wind storms, floods and other disasters have been a severe strain on the financial resources of the American Red Cross and it is hoped that there will be a record enrollment of members on November 11th when the annual roll call in Washington County will be made.

The help given through the Red Cross, especially in clothing, has relieved a great need among the school children that would have been impossible for local resources to meet.

Following is a report of the Red Cross materials, etc., given out from November, 1932, through October 10, 1933:

Total yards of cloth given out, 12,944; 275 pair men's work and dress socks, 304 pair women's hose, 433 pair children's hose, 156 pair infants' hose, 132 pair men's union suits, 72 pair women's union suits, 204 pair children's union suits, 276 pair boys' union suits, 170 pair men's overalls, 48 pair men's jumpers, 192 pair boys' overalls, 182 pair ladies' vests, 389 pair ladies' balbriggan bloomers, 835 sweater coats and slippers, 24 infants' shirts, 29 boys' dress shirts, 24 boys' work shirts, 68 boys' knickers, 101 men's trousers, 180 boys' play suits, 4 comforters, 34 blankets.

Total number of families aided with cloth by yard, 708; total number of families aided with ready-made garments, 547; total number of bags of flour given away from June, 1932, to date, 11,920; total number of families aided in the distribution of same, 1,015.

Eight hundred and seventy-three garments were produced by the relief sewing room, where 10 women are employed.

FUTURE BRIGHT FOR BUSINESS

Most Vigorous Upturn Is In Retail Trade, Caused By Cooler Weather

New York.—While general business conditions were reported as somewhat brighter this week in nearly all districts, the most vigorous upturn occurred in retail distribution which was stimulated by cooler weather.

Regarding the industrial trend, the review said that the indices are "some what more favorable, although lacking sufficient uniformity to establish a definite trend."

"Retail trade," continued the review, "responded to the first touch of wintry weather, which gave a sudden spurt to the movement of seasonal merchandise, although department store sales depended heavily on profit-sharing sales to move stocks."

"A further incentive to buying was provided by the continuous emphasis placed by store advertising on the imminence of higher prices. Textile lines are still the most active, with women's wear, including coats and suits, selling better than last week."

"Wholesale orders have fallen below the total for the corresponding week last year, even though the volume of merchandise moved was larger because of shipments on old contracts."

"Industrial operations are being increased gradually, as employment was slightly higher than a week earlier, but general operating schedules, however, are expected to continue at a diminished rate until labor disturbances will have been cleared up."

Rev. R. H. Mason To Preach At Mt. Zion

Roper.—Rev. R. H. Mason of Ayrden will preach at Mt. Zion church Saturday night and Sunday. Everybody is invited to attend.

Hogs Should Not Be Fed For 24 Hours Before Killing

Hogs should be kept without feed for at least 24 hours before they are killed, but should be given plenty of water. This allows time for all feed to pass out of the stomach. It is easier to get a good bleed when the system is not gorged with food, and the meat always cures better when the small blood vessels are free from food particles and blood.

Plymouth's Tax Rate Is Fixed At \$1.80

Plymouth's tax rate for the 1933 property will be \$1.80 on the \$100 worth of real estate. This is the same rate as in 1932 despite a horizontal reduction in valuation of 20 per cent that is effective in Plymouth as well as the entire county.

The City Council feel that they will be doing well if they maintain this rate and it is thought now that by frugal living and a general reduction of expenses that everything will be all right this year.

PROGRAM FOR FARM CLASS IS OUTLINED

Creswell Chapter Draws Up List of Objectives for Year's Work

By C. H. RABON

Creswell.—The Creswell chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers have, since the organization of the work here, endeavored to work together in carrying out the annual program of work. We make it a part of our program to draw up a list of objectives at the beginning of the school year, in which each member has a duty to perform, and by all cooperating and working together, the goal is never far away when the year's work is over.

The goals of accomplishments to be achieved for 1933-34 and the methods to be used in reaching some of these are as follows:

1. Conduct one or more father and son banquets during the year. The food to be used will come from the farm, and each boy will be assigned certain products to bring. The type of banquet will be decided by the chapter.

2. Conduct some form of cooperative buying and selling. Members of the chapter will keep in touch with farmers of the community as to the products to be sold, such as poultry, eggs, vegetables, and hogs. Also as to the buying of seeds, feeds, fertilizers, spray material, and will cooperate in the buying and selling.

3. Improve the agricultural classroom, such improvements will be carried out as needed.

4. Beautifying the school grounds. Each boy while at home will collect different plants and shrubbery to be brought to the school and placed on the grounds.

5. Arrange for chapter debates. Debates will be arranged between nearby chapters, with the subjects centering around our agricultural problems.

6. State dues to be sent to the state office by October 1. Each member will do his part in paying the dues early. It will be left to the treasurer to collect the dues.

7. Aid in arranging evening classes for farmers. Students will act as advertisements in having their parents and other farmers to attend the evening meetings.

8. To conduct one or more chapel programs during the year. Chapel programs will be conducted with all members taking part. The stage will be set and the ritual used the same as at regular Y. T. H. F. meetings.

9. Conduct group visits to projects, when the projects are at their best. All students will gather in a body and visit each boy's project together. If possible, the teacher of agriculture, county superintendent, district supervisor of vocational agriculture, and editor of the county paper will be in the tour.

10. For each member to read and report on at least two books relative to agriculture during the year. The books will come from the agriculture library.

11. At least 90 per cent of students attending the Y. T. H. F. camp at White Lake.

12. To have reporter publish news items about chapter activities at least twice a month. News articles will include all chapter activities.

13. Conduct at least three socials other than father and son banquets.

14. To maintain our chapter slogan.

15. To arrange for the purchase of a radio to put in our classroom. The funds for purchasing the radio will come from the chapter treasury.

16. To construct an agriculture workshop.

17. To have charge of one parent-teacher association program.

Rev. Russell To Preach Farewell Sermon Nov. 11

Skinnerville.—Rev. J. C. Russell, who has been pastor at Rehoboth M. P. church and Creswell charge for the past three years, will preach his farewell sermon at Rehoboth on the second Sunday in November at 11 o'clock.

MERCHANTS ARE URGED TO FILE RETURN OF TAX

Deputy Commissioner Advises Immediate Action To Avoid Penalty

In a statement issued here early this week, John D. Langston, Jr., deputy commissioner with the State Revenue Department in this district, urged all merchants who have not yet filed a sales tax return to get in touch with him at once in order to avoid the possibility of a penalty.

"Many merchants in this territory apparently have failed to file sales tax returns for the quarter ending October 1st," Deputy Langston said. "These reports were due to be filed by October 15th. All merchants have been advised of this by letter from the Department of Revenue, in which they were instructed they should not wait unless they found it impossible to make it otherwise."

"A list of delinquents in this territory will be furnished from the Department of Revenue within a few days and we are anxious that none of the merchants in this territory shall be found delinquent and penalized for default in payment of this tax, which they have collected from their customers. I am urging the merchants who have failed to file their returns to immediately do so and if necessary to get in touch with me about it. This is extremely important from their standpoint, as well as the standpoint of the Department of Revenue, which at all times is ready to assist and cooperate all possible."

TO REGISTER UNEMPLOYED

Complaints Made That Advantage Is Taken Of Relief Work

Complaints have been made to Mrs. W. C. Brewer, superintendent of welfare, that a great many people are taking advantage of the office and that some people will not try to obtain work as long as there is hope of obtaining something for nothing and in order to verify or disprove the above statement an office will be opened Monday to register the unemployed, where all those who are out of work and willing to work have a chance to register.

The roll will be open to those who can use workers and it is hoped that they will cooperate with the superintendent of welfare in carrying on the work to the best advantage of all.

This employment office is for the county only and has nothing to do with the reemployment office that will perhaps be set up here later. The place of registration, Monday and Tuesday, office of chief of police, Plymouth, Thursday Roper, N. C., Friday Creswell.

Only eight men will be sent to the reforestation camps from Washington County, they will leave Wednesday, November 8th, for the recruiting station in New Bern and will have to pay their own transportation from here to the place of enrollment, two alternates will be taken in case any of the original eight are refused.

CLUB WORKERS ARE VERY BUSY

List Of Women Who Have Done Outstanding Work

The year 1933 is the best in the history of county home demonstration work.

The following women have been outstanding in their clubs this year in beautifying their home grounds:

Alba—Mrs. Tullie Allen; Albe-marle, Mrs. Furlough; Beech Grove, Mrs. T. E. Furlough; Cross Roads, H. Chesson; Cherry, Willie P. Davenport; Creswell, T. C. Holmes; Cool Springs, H. J. Woolard; County Bridge, Miss Florence Parrisher; Chapel Hill, Mrs. Eli Phelps; Hoke, Mrs. J. T. Browning; Pleasant Grove, Mrs. W. B. Davenport; Piney Grove, Mrs. Lillie Collins Ange; Scuppernong, Mrs. Lindsay Snell; Swain, Mrs. J. J. Burdine; Roper, Mrs. L. L. Mizelle; Wenona, Mrs. Glenn Furbee.

Mrs. Tullie Allen boasts of every single club member improving their yards (Alba). Mrs. Glenn Furbee of Wenona had 15 members to improve yards. Mrs. Jim Furlough of Albemarle reports 11; Mrs. J. T. Browning of Hoke 10, also Mrs. H. J. Woolard of Cool Springs. Swain, with Mrs. J. J. Burdine as leader, has 12, and every single one had several, sending in a total of 162 yards improved in 1933.

REGISTRATION

Registrations in this county for the prohibition election on November 7 were few. Little interest is being manifested by the wets, while the dries have done but little more than to have speakings one time in each section of the county.

W. A. Swain is the dry candidate while Wilbur M. Darden is the wet aspirant. W. L. Whitley, chairman of the board of elections, announces that everything is in readiness. Political prognosticators see no heavy voting.

FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS, Farm Agent

Do not delay in digging sweet potatoes. Rains and frost-bitten vines will damage the potatoes, lessen their keeping qualities and sales value.

A good tobacco barn makes a pretty good potato curing house. More good potatoes can be taken out of a tobacco barn than a bank.

Get the sows bred during November for early spring pigs. Pigs properly handled and fed out will bring in handy money next August and September.

Make the hogs in the field ample warm and dry shelters. You will save pigs from flu and pneumonia. It also takes feed for fuel to keep them warm.

Board up the hen house on all but the south side so as to keep out the draughts.

It is a good idea to feed the hogs all the corn they will eat the first few days they are turned into the bean fields so as to get them used to the beans gradually.

FARMERS' CLUB BEING FORMED IN THIS COUNTY

To Meet Once Each Month For Instruction and Entertainment

There is in Washington County being organized a Farmers' Club. The purpose of this club is purely social. The aim is to bring together once each month the farmers at a dinner.

At these dinners there will be an interesting and entertaining speaker to talk on some timely subject. The dinner will be furnished by Miss Patterson, the home agent, and her club in the particular community where the meeting is to be held. A small charge for each plate (say 25 cents) will be made, the proceeds of which will go to the club of the community furnishing the dinner. These meetings will be held at Plymouth one month, then Roper, then at Creswell.

The first meeting will be held at Roper early in November. The date will be announced later by card. At this first meeting we have been fortunate in securing as a speaker Frank H. Jeter, editor of the North Carolina Extension News Service. Mr. Jeter is a most interesting, entertaining and able speaker on farm subjects. Any one hearing him once would drive a long way on a bad night to hear him again.

We want every farmer who can to attend this meeting. To meet other farmers in other sections of the county, to discuss our problems among ourselves and when we understand mutual problems we can better face what comes before us.

Second Meeting Of Agriculture Class

By Woodrow Collins

Roper.—The Roper Agriculture Chapter held its second meeting Friday afternoon. The officers, having learned the form of conducting our meetings, carried it out in full with John McLeod presiding.

After the minutes of last meeting were read, we discussed two important questions: How to make money to buy agriculture books? and how to improve our class room? We are very interested in our work and wish to succeed in making our class room interesting and attractive. A small museum is one attraction in our room. We are very proud of our collections.

The Y. T. H. F. charter which was won by the agriculture class was presented at the meeting. This charter will be framed and left in the classroom as permanent property.

C. L. Reynolds, of Cumnock, Lee County, reports harvesting 600 pounds of lint cotton per acre from 25 acres of land this fall. The cotton was an improved Cleveland strain.

MANY STARS ON PROGRAM AT THE NEW THEATRE

"Ann Vickers" Outstanding Picture On Thursday And Friday

By all means see Sinclair Lewis' greatest novel and best seller at the New Theatre on Thursday and Friday, "Ann Vickers," starring Irene Dunne, Walter Huston, Conrad Nagel, Bruce Cabot and Edna Mae Oliver. The book that swept the nation like a fire... a dramatic thunderbolt on the screen.

On Saturday Tom Mix with Tony Junior will give you his best performance in a brand new western, a thriller, "Flaming Guns." Remember, there will be continuous showing on Saturday, beginning promptly at 2 o'clock.

Monday and Tuesday brings "Secrets" with Mary Pickford and Leslie Howard. No finer role could have been given any actress to play! No actress could have played it finer than Mary Pickford. A picture with the charm of "Smilin' Through" while he spent his life keeping secrets from the woman he loved, she spent hers keeping him from knowing that she knew them and had known them all the time. Who keeps "Secrets" better, men or women?

"Zoo In Budapest," starring Loretta Young and Gene Raymond will play only for one day—Wednesday. Don't miss the best romance of the season—youth finds love in the strangest of settings. Primitive romance... tender... thrilling... enacted against the background of a zoo park... where a heroic youth saves the girl he loves from escaped animals reverting to jungle instincts and clashing in a primal fight to death.

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Cabbage Growers Get Fair Prices This Fall

Produce merchants in thirteen states have sent trucks into the Hamburg section of Jackson County this year to buy cabbages. Growers are getting fair prices for their product, and the demand is heavy, says County Agent G. R. Lackey.

88-Year-Old Woman Registers For First Time

Skinnerville.—Mrs. Mollie Wiley, who is 88 years old and has never registered before, walked with her daughter one mile on Saturday afternoon to register before Mr. C. L. Everett, poll-holder, in order to cast her vote against the repeal of the eighteenth amendment on November 7th.

SPEED GARDNER STILL PINES FOR RACING THRILLS

Famous Speed Driver Will Enter Classic In Spring Of 1934

Unmindful of injuries that kept him in a hospital for several weeks and a leg hurt that has kept him on crutches for five months, William Horace (Speed) Gardner still pines for the thrill of the auto race track, despite the fact that he narrowly emerged from his last "pile-up" alive.

He was taking the curves on the Indianapolis, Indiana, speedway at 124 1-2 miles an hour back in May when the machine he was driving skidded and threw him and an auto mechanic riding with him into a retaining wall, fracturing a skull, breaking his left leg in two places and busting five ribs with the mechanic escaping without a scratch.

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SEEKING AID TO SECURE MONEY FOR NEW SCHOOL

Delegation From Scuppernong Secure Petition For Federal Funds

Creswell.—Armed with petitions that will proclaim their dire needs of a school plant, a delegation of citizens from down in Scuppernong will descend upon the Washington County commissioners and the Board of Education Monday asking the officials to secure funds for a new educational plant here.

C. H. Aderholdt, principal of the Creswell school, will draw up the documents for the group who will appeal to the board for better housing facilities for the children down the county. Associated with him will be such men as H. G. Walker, J. C. Gatlin, Rev. W. H. Hollowell, C. N. Davenport, Jr., and others.

This invasion by the patrons of the Creswell school will come as the result of a meeting held in the school auditorium Tuesday of this week when the citizens were loud in their protestations of what appeared to them to be discrimination as some of their children were taught in a small room, poorly ventilated, while in other county schools there was comfort.

They heard W. F. Credle, superintendent of the school house planning division of the North Carolina Board of Education, tell them of a plan whereby under a national recovery act they could secure money from the federal government to erect the structure.

The speaker also pointed out that the Board of Education and commissioners could borrow against the credit of county a sum of money with the government handing out as a gift \$3 out of every \$10 borrowed with the \$7 to be paid back at a low rate of interest.

Numbers of the speakers advanced the ideas in the discussion that now was the time to build. A sum could be borrowed for this project and allow the gifts that the government was to donate to pay the first five annual installments and thus no money would have to be put out by the county in this period of time.

There was some intimation that none of it would have to be paid back as the federal government was sponsoring this building program not as an emergency for the needs of the improvements but to provide employment for those who needed work and to increase the buying power of the nation, but Mr. Credle maintained that "as far as I know," it will have to be paid back.

It was also made clear by those who are in favor of the plan that there was no purpose in mind to move the Cherry children to Roper as has been mentioned but the motive of the movement which has resulted in delegations going to Raleigh to see school officials was to get a better plant for the Creswell children.

W. R. Hampton, chairman of the board of commissioners, admitted the need of the comfortable school quarters for the children but brought out the fact that any talk of issuing bonds for new school buildings in times like this would bring instant protest from the burdened taxpayers. L. E. Hassell, chairman of the Board of Education, agreed with Mr. Hampton.

O. D. Hatfield, chairman of the local board, presided over the meeting. Miss Sally Carter played a violin solo accompanied by Mrs. Roy Hopkins on the piano. Educational talks were made by Miss Mamie Simpson and Jesse Craddock, students. Rev. W. H. Hollowell said the opening prayer and pronounced the benediction.

New Yorker Lectures To Teachers And Students

Miss Mary Emma Smith, of New York, a representative of the Society for the Conservation of Eyesight, was in Washington County this week visiting the schools, making lectures and demonstrating to the teacher the correct diffusion of light in a room.

She pointed out that the arrangement of the window shades and the way the pupils sat and other matters tended to show that they were in need of correct adjustment so as to get the most benefit from the light allowed by the windows.

Holly Neck Evangelistic Meeting Comes To Close

Skinnerville.—The revival meeting came to an end at Holly Neck Disciple Church on Thursday night. Rev. Gilbert Davis, of Plymouth, who is the pastor, held the services. There was one addition.