

50 FARMERS HERE FOR MEET LAST THURSDAY NIGHT

R. H. Huffner, of State College, Makes Principal Address

"Blend your efforts with those organizations of similar activities and this organization will have a far-reaching influence," R. H. Huffner, head of the animal husbandry division of State College, told more than 50 farmers here at a supper in the Brinkley Hotel last Thursday night.

"This group can do many things for the good of agriculture, even if it is small," said the speaker, who used as his subject, "What An Organization of This Kind Can Do," as he made the address to the members of the Washington County Farmers Association.

"The chances for doing something are better today than usual," said the speaker, "as you can join in the tobacco, cotton, peanuts, and corn reduction campaigns and help in every way that you can to bring back prosperity to the farmer."

"This section has good climate and will grow almost every crop imaginable. Good health is here. Hardly anywhere else in the world is there better soil for tilling than right here in the eastern part of North Carolina and we should work and work to an advantage in agriculture."

"This organization can sponsor the breeding of cattle here until every farmer has sufficient milk and beef stock on his farm. These herds can be so grown that only the best will be reserved for breeding stock, and this will bring about a better cattle herd."

"Then, again, more horses and mules should be grown. These work animals are decreasing in alarming numbers. But they are still the major power for the farm, although in some scattered instances they have been replaced by machinery."

"If a farmer uses these animals, then he does not have to buy his motive power and fuel from outside of the state or section, as is the case with machinery and gasoline, as provisions for the stock can be produced on the farm where the animal is worked."

"Then again farmers should use their every influence to have sufficient caution in the use of fire so that the forest fires that scourge this section each year would be eliminated and thus mean a saving of thousands of dollars annually in timber and growth."

"Then they could continue their organization of this kind and aid in arranging for a community center that would be the meeting place of every farmer and his family and would bring together those who are socially and for business purposes inclined to gather or for pleasure."

Mr. Huffner added humor to his speech all the way through, telling of instances in his 30 years in the cattle business that provided comedy and recalling how the old-time minister visited his home and was given provisions.

J. W. Starr, of Creswell, president of the organization, presided over the session, while W. V. Hays, farm agent, introduced Mr. Huffner. Present at the meeting also was a Mr. Suggs, of Leggett, who came down with Professor Ruffner.

The meal was served by Mrs. Roy Swain, Miss Ada Weede, Mrs. Hilda Roberson, Misses Jennie Mae, Marjorie, Ellen, and Sybil Bowen, Mrs. Hugh Allen, while Mesdames W. V. Hays, Sam Lucas, Tom Darden, George Bowen, M. G. Darden, and C. W. Bowen prepared the food.

Chicken salad, pickles, saltines, hot coffee and ambrosia and cake were on the menu.

New Bern Preacher To Preach Here Sunday

Rev. John R. Smith, of New Bern, will preach at the Christian church here at the morning and evening service on Sunday. Everybody is urged to attend.

Irish Potato Growers To Reduce Acreage

At a meeting of early Irish potato growers at Washington, Beaufort County, recently an agreement was signed to reduce, and, as far as possible, to prevent an increase in acreage to the crop this season.

Difficulties Ahead For Those Who Fail To Sign

As the tobacco and cotton reduction campaigns get further under way in North Carolina, it becomes evident that those who do not cooperate will have a hard time disposing of such crops as they do produce this fall.

Lepedeza will be a popular crop on the mountain farms of Allegheny County this spring, according to orders now being placed.

HOW TO FIGURE ON PARITY PAY FROM COTTON

Growers Should Acquaint Selves With Individual Farm Allotments

Cotton growers should thoroughly acquaint themselves with the individual farm allotment for farms brought under the 1934-35 cotton contract, for it will play an important part in determining adjustment payments from the government, according to County Agent W. V. Hays.

The allotment for each farm is 40 per cent of the average annual production during the 1928-32 base period. The exact poundage is figured by multiplying the average annual acreage of the period by the average yield per acre and then taking 40 per cent of the result.

For an example, a grower with a five-year average of 40 acres in cotton with an average yield of 200 pounds to the acre would have an average production of 8,000 pounds. Forty per cent of this would be 3,200 pounds, which would be his individual domestic allotment.

The domestic allotment has been set at 40 per cent of the average annual yield because in past years 40 per cent of the national crop was consumed in the United States. The other 60 per cent was exported or held over. This 40 per cent represents the amount of cotton from which the government can count on collecting the processing tax to furnish funds for rental and parity payments.

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The cotton contracts guarantee a parity payment of not less than 1 cent a pound on the farmers' domestic allotment. This means a payment of at least \$5 a bale on 40 per cent of the average production of cotton during the base period. This payment is in addition to the rental payments and the increased prices the farmers will get when they market their crop, it was pointed out.

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CLUB COUNCIL NAMES OFFICERS

County 4-H Council Holds Meeting Here Last Saturday

Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock the 4-H county council met in the home agent's office with 12 members present. This being the first meeting of the year, officers were elected for the coming year.

Miss Miriam Woodley, of Creswell, junior-senior club, was elected president; Miss Ada Craddock, of the Cherry Club, vice president; Miss Marie Spruill, of Roper Club, secretary; and Miss Frances Stillman, of Plymouth, was given the work of treasurer.

The health contest will be held the month of April. The baking powder biscuit contest was outlined for the spring. Every single club girl is asked to start practicing making baking powder biscuits. Last year our county winner was the district winner. The county was represented by Miss Frances Chesson, of the Roper Club.

A club party was planned for each club. The time will be announced later.

The federation or achievement day will be held at Plymouth this year on April 21, with Miss Ruth Current, of the extension department, as our chief speaker. These are all things to mark on your calendar as red-letter days to keep in mind.—Home Agent.

Creswell and Roper Split Double-Header

Creswell.—Fast and interesting were the basketball games between Creswell and Roper boys and girls Friday night, played on the Roper court. The Creswell boys lost to Roper boys, 22-25, with the Creswell girls defeating their opponents, 20-18.

Home Agent Announces Schedule For Next Week

Miss Eugenia Patterson, home demonstration agent, announces her schedule for next week, as follows: Monday afternoon at 3:30, Lake Farm. Monday afternoon at 1:50, 4-H club at Plymouth (sewing group).

RANDOM INTERVIEWS

Below are some narratives of incidents and views of people, as expressed in Washington County, which the reporter picked up on his usual news jaunts about the vicinity:

R. H. Huffner, head of the division of animal husbandry of State College: "I claim that if a man buys a farm he should not lose his money, in the same way as an insurance policy is handled. If a man buys a farm for \$10,000 and pays \$5,000 on it and can't meet his payments, then the seller gets back his farm and is in \$5,000 that was paid on the farm. It should be that the seller should make some returns to the purchaser for what he has paid on the land.

"Illustration: A relative sold 400 acres of land for \$10,000. Two residences in Washington City were given by the purchaser as first payment. In two years the relative was again owner of the property and the two homes in Washington City. The purchaser was the loser. I contend that my relative should have made a settlement with the purchaser after deducting for the use of the farm for this time."

W. H. Gaylord, superintendent of the local prison—"Somehow or other it fascinates me. When away for a space of time on business, I am anxious to get back to the camp. I believe now that I am going to like it. Can't explain why I like the work, but I do just the same."

D. A. Hurley, sanitary inspector for CWA in Washington County—"Use another story about my work here. The last item you ran brought the people in to see me in large numbers about the sanitation of their premises. Believe me, I know by that one notice that people read the Beacon carefully."

Raymond Ainsley, school teacher, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ainsley, on the witness stand in superior court here: "Mr. Whitley (referring to Attorney W. L. Whitley) I take you to be a man of average intelligence. I have answered you once! But the persistent Mr. Whitley won his case.

Gordon Norman, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Norman, who is now employed in Richmond by the Virginia State Department of Architecture, as a draftsman, prepared the blue-prints of the county home and other buildings that are to be erected with CWA aid.

As in checkers, one move is followed by another: Louis Lucas has moved into the country home of the late Frank McNair in the Chapel Hill section; Harry Chopic has moved into the Kemp residence on Brinkley Avenue formerly occupied by Mr. Lucas; Shep Brinkley is now in the Landing home on Main Street formerly occupied by Mr. Chopic. And so on.

YOUNG FARMERS HAVE WORKSHOP

Help of CWA Secured by Creswell Chapter of Future Farmers

Creswell.—The Creswell chapter of the Future Farmers of America has at last, with the aid of the Civil Works Administration, completed a workshop. A new complete set of tools were furnished by the county. We are now beginning to make tool cabinets and work benches as an introduction for the class.

Mr. Rabon called a special meeting of this organization to select a new program committee for the 1934 semester. While this meeting was in session, a question was asked, "Would each boy donate one log to be sawed and used in the shop for making necessary articles needed at home. The answer seemed to be, 'Yes.'" Each boy is taking great interest in shop work, is willing to do his part, and is doing excellent work in the classroom also.

When school opened after Christmas, we began a new year's work and for the last week or two the eighth and ninth grade sections have been studying "Plant Propagation," the different kinds of grafting, budding, etc. The tenth and eleventh grade sections spend most of their time in the shop making work tables, tool cabinets, etc.

STATUS OF CWA PROJECTS AT PRESENT TIME

Program Has Been Handicapped by Curtailment Instructions

Below are some projects that have been approved and that are to be worked with some of them in progress now sponsored by CWA in Washington County. The program has been greatly handicapped by a curtailment in employment as the number of hours for working each week has been reduced from 30 to 15.

Building Pea Ridge road. Seven miles. 32 men employed, maximum expense \$4,928. In progress.

Paving streets of Plymouth, or rather re-paving. Six men. Cost \$85.50. New project.

County home building. Labor, \$9,549.30 and materials, \$2,864.79. All of this provided by CWA. County will furnish \$3,955.18 in material. Total \$16,369.27. This may be increased by county to \$25,000. Only 23 men are working now, but job calls for 54 with 29 as the largest number working at one time.

Gymnasium in Plymouth. Labor, \$2,864.40 and materials \$747.28, provided by CWA. County furnished \$1,205.44 in materials. Total \$4,817.12. This may be increased by county if necessary. Only 15 men at work, but as many as 54 are allowed to work under the approved plan.

Building 800 privies in county. Labor, \$7,855.80, provided by CWA. Each client must provide \$14 for materials for making privy. As many as 55 men can work on this job, but at the present only 26 are employed. Maybe less at this writing.

Malaria control project in Scuppernon River in Creswell and removing shrubbery. Two and a half miles in length. Expense \$1,200. Only 17 men now working with a maximum of 22 approved for the job. A similar project has been approved for Kendrick Creek in Roper.

Widen turnpike road from 17 feet to 28 feet. 103 men can be employed. Did not determine the expense. Have not started on project as yet.

Colored school building at Creswell. Labor \$4,164.60 and materials \$1,249.38, provided by CWA with the county furnishing material determined at \$2,990, making a total of \$8,404.20.

Cutting brush from bank and making drain 8 feet wide for 7 3/4 miles on canal bank in Wenona. Expense \$6,050. \$500 for tractors and drivers. Removing stumps and widening road to 10 feet wide, 6 miles long, on road running back to Sound, leaving highway at Patrick's Filling Station. Labor, \$15,360, and \$2,606 in dynamite.

MRS. NELLIE E. BEASLEY DIES

Suffered Stroke of Paralysis Last Friday; Funeral Held Tuesday

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Nellie E. Beasley, 79 years of age, who died early Tuesday morning, having never regained consciousness after suffering a stroke of paralysis that seized her last Friday at her home on Washington Street.

Rev. Richard Lucas, pastor of the Baptist church here, officiated. A large crowd attended the funeral. A beautiful floral offering was contributed by the many friends and relatives.

Mrs. Beasley was the oldest child of John F. and Charlotte McNair. She was born on September 12, 1854, on the Long Acre Road near Plymouth in Washington County. She was married to John E. Beasley September 10, 1874, who died August 9, 1902.

Surviving Mrs. Beasley are the following children: Mrs. Maggie Swain, Sam Edgar Beasley, J. Cleve Beasley, and Mrs. Clarence Spruill, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Nannie Hopkins and John A., Joseph L., and Jesse T. McNair.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist church and was a lover of all Christian people. She remembers incidents of the Civil War and recounted them before her death.

Rev. W. L. Jernigan Preaches At Mt. Tabor

Creswell.—Rev. W. L. Jernigan, of Elizabeth City, delivered his first message of the year at the Free Will Baptist church at Mount Tabor last Sunday with a large congregation present. His subject was "Go Forward."

Mr. Jernigan has been preaching at this church for a year already, but his message last Sunday was the first in his second year. The church is making great progress under his leadership, according to T. F. Davenport.

New Trial of Power Company Cases Ordered by Judge Small

TAX NOTICES ARE BEING SENT OUT IN THIS COUNTRY

County Accountant Also Explains Options For Redeeming Land

Below is a letter addressed to every taxpayer in Washington County, and this letter will be contained in the envelope containing a tax notice and is being sent out by J. C. Swain, the county accountant, who urges that all taxpayers take advantage of the opportunity afforded to save their homes:

"This same letter is being mailed to every taxpayer in Washington County for the purpose of calling to the attention of those who owe taxes for years prior to 1933 the situation with respect to those taxes. If you do not owe taxes for 1932, or for any year before 1932, you will please pay no attention to this letter.

"The General Assembly of 1933 passed a law providing that all taxpayers who paid 1932 taxes in full should be given a discount on all taxes for years prior to 1932, the amount of the discount being determined by the time when the payment was made. That discount can now be had for all years prior to 1932, providing 1932 taxes be paid in full, and the amount of the discount, if settlement is made before February 1st will be 5 per cent, and if settlement is made during the month of February the discount will be 2 1/2 per cent. If these taxes are not completely paid by April 1st, the law provides that the property shall be foreclosed and a final sale held. The county has tried in every way to cooperate with its taxpayers and avoid selling the lands of any one, but must follow the law and proceed after April 1st. It is sincerely hoped that all taxpayers will arrange to pay before that date.

"Your attention is further called to the fact that the law provides that those who cannot pay in cash all their back taxes may, after they pay 1932, be permitted to give tax lien notes for their back taxes and pay in installments over a five-year period. This gives to every one an opportunity to save their property whether they have the cash or not, and any delinquent taxpayer who cannot pay in cash can blame no one but himself if he fails to come into my office and execute one of these notes. This letter is exceedingly important to all delinquent taxpayers, and if you are one, permit me to urge that you come to my office at once."

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INCOME TAX CONFERENCE

John D. Langston, Jr., is Attending Meeting at Greenville Today

John D. Langston, jr., deputy commissioner with the state department of revenue in this district, has been notified to attend an income tax conference in Greenville Friday of this week. This conference, which will be divided into two sessions, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, will be attended by all deputies in the northeastern section of the state. The sessions will be presided over by A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue. Other officials of the revenue department who will assist in the course of instructions to be given the field force are O. S. Thompson, assistant commissioner, J. R. Collier, chief supervisor of the field force, and A. E. Beddingfield, head of the income tax division of the state department of revenue.

COOK STOVE AND BED NEEDED FOR FAMILY

The emergency relief and public welfare office of Washington has had a request for a cook stove and bed for a woman whose husband is in the State Sanatorium, according to Julian E. Gibbs, director of relief.

This woman has three small children and has no work. Food and clothing are provided from relief funds.

If there is any one who has a stove or bed they would be willing to donate, it will be greatly appreciated.

Please call telephone No. 2271, and the welfare office will be glad to arrange to send for these things.

Music Recital At Local Methodist Church 28th

There will be presented in the Methodist Episcopal church, South, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, January 28, a pipe organ and music recital with Shep Brinkley at the organ and other local talent rendering vocal solos and the combined choirs of the town furnishing the processional, offertory, and recessional. This unique service is to be sponsored by the young ladies' missionary society.

WHAT TO DO WITH EXTRA LEISURE IS REAL PROBLEM

Supreme Test Is Whether People Can Use Added Leisure Wisely

"Up to this time in the history of the world the masses of the people have not had to do very much worrying about how to dispose of their leisure time, as they had very little of it, says the Pathfinder.

"There were the 'leisure classes' in the past it is true—but these classes were not greatly respected. They included mainly the royal families and their hangers-on, the wealthy overlords who had waxed fat off the misery of the poor, the soldiers of fortune who made fighting and plundering a profession—and the tramps and thieves who preyed on society.

"Now, over night, the situation is reversed. The human family, taking stock of itself, finds that it has been working altogether too hard, that it has kept improving methods until it is producing several times as much of everything as it can buy, and that the only thing to do is to knock off. It was only a few years ago that organized labor made such a hard fight to get working hours reduced to 48 hours a week. Now the 40-hour week is being generally applied as the maximum under the recovery program, and the workers say that it will be necessary to cut down to 30 hours a week if the millions of unemployed are to be given a share of the work. General Johnson, while proclaiming the 30-hour week as the goal, truly says that such a short week would wreck industry if an attempt was made to enforce it at once. But whether it is this year or some other year, working hours of all types of labor are going to be reduced, and still further reduced. This means that people will have a great many more leisure hours, and leisure days, on their hands—and we may say that the supreme test will come when they show whether they can use this leisure wisely.

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New Theatre Announces Program For Next Week

The New Theatre presents on Thursday only just what the doctor ordered for you months and months ago, "Havana Widows," it's a perfect scream from beginning to end. Joan Blondell and Glenda Farrell play the leads.

Friday brings "Beauty for Sale," with Madge Evans, Alice Brady, Una Merkel, Otto Kruger, Phillips Holmes, Moy Robson and a whole cast of the screen's finest performers. A spicy comedy completes the well-balanced program.

Ken Maynard will hold sway all day on Saturday in "Fiddlin' Buckaroo." Full of action and the kind of speed we all like. The serial and a top-notch comedy round out the bill.

Maurice Chevalier in his best picture yet, "The Way to Love," with Ann Dvorak, Monday and Tuesday. Added attraction, the Mills Brothers in a short that will tantalize you.

Wednesday only, brings "Tillie and Gus," with W. C. Fields, Alison Clyde, and Baby Leroy. Andy Sklyd furnishes additional comedy.

Thursday only presents "Night Flight," with Helen Hayes, John Barrymore, Lionel Barrymore, Clark Gable, and Robert Montgomery.

SPECIAL TERM IS EXPECTED TO BE CALLED IN MAY

Expect Trial of Case To Take From Seven Days To Two Weeks

Indication now are that a special two weeks term of civil court will be held in May for a retrial of the famous case of W. W. Roberson against the Virginia Electric and Power Company and the Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation.

Mr. Roberson is seeking damages of \$1,000 or more from the power firm, charging that the employees of the power company were negligent in looking after a fire that they were supposed to have set to a yellow jacket's nest and which spread over hundreds of acres of forest.

This case is recognized as a test case in that there are 22 more cases pending in the same action and will be tried as soon as the merit of this action can be determined. These cases will call for damages collectively of about \$60,000.

No doubt this is the most weird case that has ever been on the docket of the Washington County Superior court, as it has been from the superior to the North Carolina supreme court, and after a hearing by Judge Walter L. Small last week, will be heard again in superior court.

Court attaches are of the opinion that the case will consume somewhere between seven days to two weeks, and the members of the bar association will probably ask that a special two weeks session of the court be held in May to dispose of this case.

Out of the case have crept charges of bribery and admitted cases of perjury, as Maurice Whedbee, the chief witness for the plaintiffs, has "repudiated the repudiation of his testimony in the original trial." Judge Small heard attorneys in the case as witnesses in his hearing here last week.

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