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SEEK CWA AID TO BUILD QUARTERS LOCAL FIREMEN

Delegation Returns To Raleigh This Week To See Authorities

Undaunted by the failure of their first attempt to secure the cooperation of CWA officials in Raleigh to approve the project of more convenient quarters for the Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department sent a second delegation to Raleigh this week to get the project approved.

Last week Bill Waters, Charlie Jackson, Lawrence Jones, and Harry Gurkin appeared before the state officials asking them to approve the project and were sent back home to revise their application for approval to eliminate the alarm system.

The firemen now are seeking to have the present structure torn down or so remodeled that they can have a second story to the building that will be used for quarters for firemen who wish to stay there so that they can have enough to bring the truck out at the first sound of the alarm.

This would call for about four bedrooms equipped as night quarters, and at least five would be there every night, as this is the minimum amount of the fire-fighters used the rule who can take the truck out of its quarters, and in this way much delay on cold nights would be eliminated.

Last Friday night, probably the coldest of the year, firemen were forced to leave their beds at their homes at midnight and remained in the cold until 4 o'clock next morning to prevent the spread of the fire, and if they had had sleeping places in the quarters they would have been on the job long before they were.

They want a building 52 by 40, which is about 15 feet wider than the present quarters. The sleeping quarters would be steam-heated as the first floor, and with the upper floor offering baths and other home essentials in order to inveigle single boys to reside in the fire house. This would, of course, cost the firemen nothing, and their services in return would be free.

They wanted the alarm system because now there are such a few telephones that a number of houses have been almost destroyed and the blaze beyond control before the alarm is sounded, as was the case with the Jackson home at the ball park and three houses were destroyed in the White City conflagration before the alarm was turned in.

The firemen here are worthy of the favorable attitude of the state officials as they have already won the approval of the city officials, the local CWA officials, and Sherwood Brockwell, chief fire marshal of the state, is helping the boys in Raleigh.

Indication now are that the project will go through without the alarm system, as the state officials claimed that this part of the project would have to go through the PWA rather than through their offices and the firemen in an effort to get a new building are not considering this special alarm system at the present in their plans.

The incidental expenses of the application for approval of the project is being met here, and it is thought that by careful figuring the total amount of expenditure for materials and labor would approximate about \$14,000 in the firemen's quarters, and this will make a very creditable contribution to the public welfare here.

Water Tank Burns and Ice Plant Pipes Freeze

Add two "believe it or not" to Ripley's thousands, and these incidents occurred in little old Washington County.

Item 1. A tank filled with water burned to the ground, while anxious firemen stayed on a frozen ground warming by another fire, unable to secure water on account of the freeze.

Item 2. Some of the pipes in the ice plant of A. J. Riddle, just off Washington Street, froze and burst. These were on the outside of the plant and it is understood that they were on the south side of the building.

Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Miss Eugenia Patterson, county home demonstration agent, announces her schedule for the next week, as follows:
Monday afternoon, County Bridge.
Tuesday afternoon, Pleasant Grove.
Wednesday, Swain.
Thursday morning, Creswell and Cherry 4-H clubs.
Thursday afternoon, Creswell Woman's club.
Friday, Alba.
Saturday morning, 8:30, curb market.

SEED LOANS ARE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR; BILL IS PASSED LAST WEEK

Senator Bailey and Representatives Warren and Kerr Were Active in Support of Measure; Amount Is Believed Sufficient to Care for Needs

Efforts by Senator J. W. Bailey and Congressman Lindsay C. Warren and John H. Kerr to provide government money for small farmers through seed loans have been extended in recent years bore fruit last week when the lower house of Congress passed the appropriation of \$40,000,000 for that purpose this year. The amount made available for lending has been materially reduced, but sponsors of the measure believe, with benefit payments available this year and also other credit in Production Credit Corporation bodies, the amount carried in the bill will be sufficient to meet the demands of borrowers.

Farmers may now borrow from two sources this year: Seed Loans or through Production Credit Corporations. The former will be used by the smaller farmer in most instances, while the latter credit group will be more liberal in the amounts loaned for crop productions. There is no conflict between the two groups, since each has for its backing the United States Treasury.

The seed loan act provides that the loans will not be made to those who have not paid prior year's loans; nor will those who have failed to join in acreage reduction campaigns be extended credit through this agency. There are more restrictions this year than heretofore, but sponsors of the act believe it will be of great benefit to small growers without credit to carry on.

Both Congressmen Warren and Kerr spoke for the bill and had leading parts in its successful passage. The former introduced the measure in the house. Senator Smith, of South Carolina, fathered the bill in the senate.

MUST REGISTER

All of those who have not re-registered for employment with the local CWA since January 1, 1934, will not be eligible for work, it was announced today by Luther R. Ausbon, manager of the local reemployment office.

There are about 500 people who filed their applications when the first call came who have not renewed their applications by enrolling in the re-registration since the first of January.

There are only about 300 who now are eligible for work. All of those who have not signified their desire for a job in the second registration for work must do so at an early date, or they will not be classed as eligible for work.

WAYNE SHERIFF VISITOR HERE

Calls on "Friend in Misery," Sheriff J. K. Reid, Here Last Week

Over the telephone wire came a voice to Sheriff J. K. Reid that he had never heard before and that brought to him a queer conversation with the unknown person at the other end.

The conversation ran something like this: "So you are the sheriff of Washington County? Well, I have never seen you, but I know you are crazy. Anyway, you are a funny-looking object. If you had not been you never would have run for the office of sheriff."

"See, I am a sheriff also. We are friends, though we never have seen each other. Friends—yes; friends in misery."

Next morning at 9 o'clock he visited the office of sheriff Reid. It turned out to be Sheriff Paul Garrison, of Wayne County, who came down with friends on a bird hunt before the season went out.

"That fellow must have been a comedian," said Sheriff Reid, "as I would have sworn that the voice I heard over the phone was that of Andrew H. Brown, of Amos and Andy fame."

Prayer for Judgment Is Continued in Court Here

Prayer for judgment was continued until March 10 in recorder's court here Tuesday for W. B. Watts, tobacco merchant of Williamston, on a charge of issuing a worthless check to E. H. Liverman, local merchant.

Recorder Darden continued the judgment so that Mr. Watts would have time to pay the check before he pronounced the judgment in the case. The check was given to Mr. Liverman by Mr. Watts in exchange for merchandise purchased in September, 1933.

Mr. Liverman has held the check since last September, that time thinking that Mr. Watts would take care of it, but until the action was brought Mr. Watts had made no successful attempt to take care of the check.

Tomato Growers Will Meet Here Saturday

Growers who wish to join the Plymouth Mutual Exchange for the planting of tomatoes this season are urged to be at the courthouse Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, it was announced here today by H. C. Spruill, president. Those who have already contracted and are expected to plant need not attend. New members are the ones to attend this meeting.

MANY ENTRIES IN COTTON AND CORN CONTEST

Number Students of Roper Agricultural Class Plan To Compete

Roper—A number of students in the class of B. G. O'Brien at Roper will enter the corn and cotton contest, from an economical standpoint, that will be engaged in by students of vocational agriculture in North Carolina that will be sponsored by the division of vocational education in the State Department of Public Instruction.

The object of this contest is to stimulate interest among the boys and men on the farms in the importance of production cost in growing crops at a profit. In doing this the student will study the various elements of cost that enter into crop production such as land and equipment investments, labor, seeds, and fertilizers.

Any member of an all-day or evening class in vocational agriculture may enter the contest. To take part in the contest and compete for prizes the student must grow crops in accordance with the recommendations of the North Carolina Experiment Station.

In determining the winners of the contest, each student's work will be judged on the basis of project work records. Winners must furnish a photograph of themselves, of a growing crop, and project story with complete records.

Prizes of fertilizers will be awarded the winners. The contest is open to both white and colored students.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING TO BE HELD ON FEB. 25

Lees Mills Association Is Planning for Meet at St. Delight

Roper—The Lees Mills Sunday School Association will meet at the St. Delight Christian church at 2:30 on the fourth Sunday afternoon in February, it was announced today by W. A. Swain, president.

Reading of the Scripture and the opening prayer will be by W. B. Daventry, with an address of welcome by Henry Lang. The response is to be made by H. L. Lewis. The principal address will be made by Rev. Luther Ambrose.

A program will be rendered by each of the Sunday schools present. Special music will be featured also along with recitations, declamations, and other appropriate religious presentations.

A report is expected to be made by delegates from every Sunday school in the township and an attendance record will be kept so that the school having the largest number of members present in consideration of the miles traveled will be presented a banner.

FASHION SHOW HERE ON 23RD

Will Be Presented at New Theatre; Dance Will Follow

Now comes the spring fashion extravaganza to the New Theatre presenting models taken from the stock of Mrs. Edison Swain.

Miss Edna Taylor, of Washington, sweetheart of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion, has been invited to model and lead the dance for the spring fashion review to be held here February 23.

Plans are being made to book one of the best orchestras available to furnish the musical background for the style review and the spring ball that is to be held following the review. The ball will probably be in the space at the rear of the municipal building here.

The frocks and gowns and dresses will be worn by young women of Plymouth, and they will be seen in the many classes of attire essential to the well-dressed woman, including street, evening and sports wear for the ladies.

The stage on which the models will parade will be appropriately decorated with lights installed to make the dresses and the models more conspicuous. Everything will be arranged to promote the glamour of the occasion. Some of the models will wear their gowns to the ball that will be held immediately after the style show.

May Bring Business School Here in Spring

An inquiry about a business school for Plymouth has been received here by officials of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce from Alton H. Perry, of Brunswick, Ga., owner of the Perry Business schools.

CONTROL BOARD RECOMMENDS PLACING PEANUTS ON LIST OF BASIC CROPS TO AID CONTROL

Would Also Develop Production Control Program For Peanut Growers

NEED OF ACCORD

Washington—Making peanuts a basic agricultural commodity under the agricultural adjustment act, long advocated by North Carolina members, and developing a production control program for the peanut growing industry have been recommended to Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace in a report by the control board provided for in the peanut marketing agreement now in effect. The board outlined a tentative production control program.

The board, which consists of five peanut growers and five peanut millers, organized in Washington last week and elected H. C. Smithers, president of the Columbian Peanut Company, of Norfolk, chairman; H. A. Petty, peanut grower, of Dawson, Ga., vice chairman; and A. H. Ochsner, peanut grower of Spring Grove, Va., secretary.

The decision to recommend production control was made after a study of the situation indicate the possibility of increases in peanut acreage and production unless some such control were inaugurated. Prizes to farmers for peanuts from the 1933 crop were approximately double those of the two previous seasons.

It was pointed out that approximately 5,000,000 acres of land would be released from cotton production in 1934 in the areas which now produce peanuts commercially. Although this land, under the cotton contract, cannot be planted to other crops which would produce a surplus, the peanut producers fear that farmers may use their extra labor and equipment to plant peanuts on land not covered by the contracts, as the two crops are naturally alternatives for each other.

It was estimated that if only 10 per cent of the equivalent acreage which will be released from cotton in the peanut growing counties were planted to peanuts it would increase peanut production by approximately 40 per cent. There is also some apprehension that peanut production may be increased in counties where the crop is not now grown commercially, but could easily be grown under the stimulus of better prices.

A subcommittee of the control board will confer with officials of the agricultural adjustment administration on February 12 to further consider a program for production control. The board urged immediate action by the secretary as the planting season will soon begin in parts of the peanut belt.

NEW FERTILIZER FIRM IS FORMED

Reliance Corporation Plans To Do Business in This Section This Year

A charter has recently been granted to Reliance Fertilizer & Lime Corporation, with offices in Board of Trade Building, Norfolk, Va., to manufacture fertilizers, fertilizer materials and agricultural limes, and to do a general fertilizer and lime business in this state.

The officers of this company are W. B. Mann, president; E. J. Broughton, vice president and treasurer; and J. J. Joyce, secretary.

Mr. Mann, a native of Elizabeth City, was formerly vice president and sales manager of the Eastern Cotton Oil Co. Mr. Broughton formerly was secretary and treasurer of the Eastern Cotton Oil Co. and manager of their Hertford plant for several years and is a native of Hertford. Mr. Joyce was formerly manager of Premier Fertilizer Co., of Dunn.

All of the men have had several years experience in the fertilizer and lime business, particularly in the trucking, cotton, tobacco, and peanut sections of North Carolina.

The plant which they have acquired and will operate is that formerly owned by A. S. Lee & Sons Co., and is situated on the water in South Norfolk, Va. This plant was built new in 1929 and is of about 20,000 tons fertilizer capacity and in addition contains 14 lime kilns which are now in operation for the manufacture of burnt oyster shell lime.

They have established agencies and expect to do a general fertilizer and lime business in North Carolina and Virginia.

A. Edison Davenport, of Mackys, has been named traveling representative in this section, and J. C. Smith, of Plymouth; W. Barton Swain, of Roper; and J. E. Davenport, of Mackys, are representatives in Washington county for the firm.

GUANO WILL BE DONATED YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS

500 Pounds Will Be Given By Firm for Use on Chapter Projects

Individual chapters of the Young Tar Heel Farmers will be donated 500 pounds of fertilizer by a large fertilizer company for use in conducting chapter projects in cotton, corn, and tobacco during 1934, announced Roy H. Thomas, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education.

The full 500 pounds must be applied to the chapter project, but other fertilizer ingredients may be added to balance the necessary plant foods for the cotton and tobacco, according to experiment station recommendations.

To be eligible for this donation the chapter must rent or secure in some manner the necessary land, for one crop year, for the crop to be grown. The land necessary for the project may be secured from a chapter member, a local farmer, or any individual who is interested in furthering the work of the club. The scope of the chapter project may be from 2 to 5 acres, and only improved seed as approved by the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association may be used for planting the crop. While the rule calls for cotton, corn, or tobacco to be grown, some other crop may be planted, provided it is of major importance in the community and permission is secured from the State Adviser.

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NEW TROOP BOY SCOUTS FORMED

Under Direction of Principal E. H. Hicks, of Local School

A new boy scout troop is being organized here by E. H. Hicks, principal of the Plymouth High School, and the first meeting was held at the school building last Wednesday night.

Two patrols have been organized and have chosen the name of the Eagle and Beaver. Leaders of the Eagle patrol are James Harold Ward and C. B. Clifton, assistant, while Hugh Jordan leads the Beavers and is assisted by Norman Mayo. Edward Willoughby was named reporter.

Here are a few things that the boys want to do: (1) Direct traffic in Plymouth; (2) look out for old people and children; (3) to direct traffic at fires; (4) to have courts to try the people who disobey the traffic laws; (5) to tag cars that park wrong.

Members follow: Eagles: James Harold Ward, C. B. Clifton, Bryant Cox, Joe Vail, Grady Price, Bill Darden, Jack Harrison, William Eborn, Thomas Stubbs; Beavers: Hugh Jordan, Norman Mayo, Edward Willoughby, Hubert Cox, Reuben Mayo, Worthing Dixon, Bill Hayes, Merrial Ward, and Dick Norman.

Joe Gurganus Secures Position in Washington

One of Plymouth's young boys left here on January 8th "bumming" his way to Washington City to look for employment. Fortune smiled on him and he began work shortly after reaching the capital city, employed by a drug store for a few weeks, during which time he managed to keep the wolf from the door, and, believe it or not, saved a few dollars. He later applied for a government position through Pat Paschall, formerly of the Young Mercantile Company here, and, being highly recommended to Senators Reynolds and Bailey, this young man has been placed in the accounting department of the Federal Home Owners Loan Corporation at Washington and is well in line for promotion.

The young man is none other than Joe Gurganus, younger son of Mrs. Hilda Gurganus.

Creswell P.T.A. Meet To Be Held This Week

Creswell—The meeting of the Creswell Parent-Teacher Association was called off last Friday on account of bad weather. It will be held Friday night, February 16, at 7:30.

66.5 Per Cent Tobacco Growers in Caswell

The last round-up of tobacco farmers in Caswell County shows that 66.5 per cent of the growers have signed production contracts.

WATER TANK OF A. C. L. BURNED FRIDAY NIGHT

Attendant Lights Fire To Thaw Out Frozen Pipes And Tank Burns Up

Rebuilding of the water tank of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad which was destroyed by fire Friday night, will probably start in a few days, it was learned today from W. B. Edmondson, local agent.

Officials of the company were here Monday inspecting the ruins and they hope that they can salvage enough of the staves from the old tank and some of the timber to minimize the cost of constructing another watering place for their engine.

W. M. Whitley, colored attendant of Williamston, who also looks after the tank in the Martin County town, came here Friday evening on the 5:30 train to look after the pumping of the water into the wooden reservoir that rested on top of some wooden sills.

He found that the lead-in pipe, through which the water is drawn into the tank, was frozen, as the weather at that time was recording a temperature of about 8 degrees above zero. He kindled a fire to thaw out the pipes.

In a few moments the creosoted pilings and the wood adjoining them ignited into a blaze and the firemen could not check it, as there was no water available. All around everything was frozen and the fire continued to the tank and burned the wooden sides of the reservoir and the water began to seep out.

The tank burned to the ground, causing a damage estimated at close to \$500. The train never left Saturday morning until about 11:30 o'clock. The debris was removed from the track by the crane of the Plymouth Box & Panel Co., operated by J. W. Francis.

Water for the engine was secured on Saturday from a near-by hydrant. No water was available to the firemen who answered the call at midnight and stayed there watching the blaze until 4 o'clock in the morning.

Mrs. Johnston and Miss Pickett Win Spelling Bee

An old-fashioned "spelling bee" was staged at the courthouse auditorium on Friday evening by the Ladies' Auxiliary of Grace church. Miss Nevie Pickett was leader of the ladies' side, while Mr. W. C. Brewer was captain of the men's side. Attorney Zeb Vanne Norman gave out the words to be spelled.

The victors were Mrs. Laura S. Johnston and Miss Nevie Pickett; one was presented a delicious angel food cake and the other a tasty devil's food cake.

Roper Parents-Teachers To Meet February 22nd

Roper—The Roper Parent-Teacher Association will meet in regular session Thursday night, February 22, at 7:30 o'clock. A pageant, "The Voice of the Founder," will be presented by a group of high school students. Interwoven with this will be the seven cardinals of education that form the platform of our national group. Miss Marie James will be the torch bearer; Mrs. Edison Davenport, the voice of the founder. Music will be furnished by the Windley orchestra.

Undergoes Operation for Appendicitis Saturday

Creswell—Ronald Spear, son of Ike Spear, underwent an operation for appendicitis Saturday at the Creswell hospital. Dr. J. M. Phelps performed the operation. Ronald is recovering rapidly.

Remodeling Hospital At Creswell This Week

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