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## ASK PROMOTION OF PLAN TO HELP PRICE POTATOES

### Buy-a-Barrel Campaign Is Urged in Every County

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and the Roanoke Beacon have been asked to promote a campaign in Washington County that will induce every family in this county and section to purchase on barrel of Irish potatoes.

The price before a three-day holiday was called had dropped to as low as \$1.50 a barrel in some places, but now they are generally quoted at \$1.75 a barrel. Governor Ehringhaus stopped sales in an effort to secure a higher price for the growers.

A card from the merchants' division of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce that asks cooperation in this movement of securing a market for the white potatoes among the people in this state urge this as a method to relieve the surplus of the crop.

The card reads as follows: "We believe that you are interested in our efforts to have every family in North Carolina buy a barrel of potatoes. This would not only be a saving to the family but would be of an estimated value to the potato growers in our state.

"Won't you take the initiative to put this movement over. Launch the campaign in the name of your chamber of commerce and newspaper. Drop us a card telling us that you will put this across in your county.

"You have a broker in your county who will make these purchases for you if the family cannot take them direct from the growers. We believe that every county in North Carolina that participates in this movement will draw themselves closer to the farmer from every standpoint."

## CERTAIN CROPS MAY BE PLANTED ON RENTED LAND

### May Plant Certain Crops or Start Pastures on Idle Acres

An interesting ruling has just been announced through the office of County Agent T. B. Brandon affecting the use of land rented to the government and represented in wheat, corn-hog and tobacco contracts. The ruling is as follows:

"Chester C. Davis, administrator, announced modification of all wheat, corn-hog and tobacco contracts in every state to remove all restrictions on the planting and harvest of all forage crops, including fodder corn and grain sorghum, on all general or 'non-contracted' acres on farms under adjustment contracts.

"Restrictions on the use of the contracted or 'rented' acres which have been retired from basic crop production under the contracts, are also modified to permit the planting and harvest of all forage crops except corn and grain sorghum, and to permit pasturing those retired acres and harvesting hay for forage from them.

"The action taken today to modify contract restrictions extends earlier rulings, made for the official drought counties, to the entire country. It also greatly increases the possible use of contracted acres, both in the official drought counties and throughout the rest of the country. Previous rulings permitted pasturing of contracted or rented acres in the drought counties. Planting and harvesting of forage crops, except corn and grain sorghum, is now possible on all retired acreage, in addition to pasturing."

## New Quotas for CCC Are Set Up This Week

New quotas for the Civilian Conservation Camps in the following counties are as follows, according to Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State Administrator: Washington 7, Tyrrell 13, Martin 9.

Washington, N. C., is the enrollment center for these camps and boys will be sent direct from the enrollment center to the conservation camp instead of going to a military camp for training.

The date for leaving Washington has been set at July 16. Boys from Washington County wishing to go should see Mrs. W. C. Brewer or Julian Gibbs.

## Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Miss Eugenia Patterson, home demonstration agent, announces the following schedule of afternoon meetings for next week:

- Monday, Scuppernon.
- Tuesday, Cross Roads.
- Wednesday, Cool Springs.
- Thursday, Piney Grove.
- Friday, Lake Farm.
- Saturday morning, curb market, 8:15.

## CONTESTS TO BE HELD IN COUNTY BY HOME AGENT

### Two Canning Contests for Women, One for Girls; Many Prizes

Three canning contests for women and 4-H club girls have been announced in this county by Miss Eugenia Patterson, home agent, who at the same time outlined some of the plans.

The first contest is open to adult club women. Each contestant must exhibit 2 jars of fruit, 2 jars of vegetables, 2 jars of meat. A preliminary county contest will be held and the victor will go to the district contest and from there to the finals.

Only first-prize winners in this county can send exhibits to the state contest at State College, Raleigh, on November 1. Prizes in county: 12 quart jars to first, second, and third-place winners, while the state contest prize starts at \$20 for the first and on down to \$2 for the fifth prize.

The second contest includes bonafide 4-H club girls. This includes for the state entrant 750 words written by a club member. The county prize includes a handsome gold-filled medal of honor gift box and for the state an educational trip to the 13th national 4-H club congress to be held in Chicago November 30 to December 8, 1934.

The third contest is for women. Any woman enrolled in extension service may enter by exhibiting two jars of fruit or vegetables and one jar of non-acid vegetable. Less than 20 exhibitors will result in no prizes, but first place jars are eligible for state prizes. With from 20 to 40 exhibitors: two dozen jars.

If there are 50 to 100 exhibitors in this county, then the prize will range from \$3 for the first down to a dozen jars for the fifth. The state contest will be held in Raleigh November 1. In the state prizes of \$100 will be divided among the first 10 winners.

Miss Patterson is anxious for those who are interested to get further details from her.

## PLAN TO LIGHT RURAL HOMES

### Local Groups Interested May Get Aid From State Officials

If the plans of Governor Ehringhaus's newly appointed rural electrification committee are carried out, a great many farm homes in practically every county of the state will soon be enjoying the use of electric service for lights, irons, motors, etc.

According to David S. Weaver, agricultural engineer of State College, who has been selected by the committee to make a survey of the State, there is a possibility of extending a great many electric lines in the very near future. Financial assistance through Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State Relief Administrator, is expected.

Local groups of farmers interested in securing this service should get together and send Mr. Weaver the following information:

- (1) The number of farmers who will actually connect to the proposed line at once.
- (2) The number of farmers on the proposed line who would probably connect later.
- (3) The number of fillin stations, churches, schools, gins, etc., along the proposed line.
- (4) The approximate length in miles the line would have to be to serve above users.
- (5) Can the "right of way" be secured without cost?
- (6) Determine just what the group, as a whole, will do in the way of donating poles, labor, and cash.
- (7) What use of current, other than lighting, would be made by the majority of farms, such as irons, washing machines, ranges, refrigerators, motors, etc.

## \$4,800 Is Allotted For Roanoke Improvements

The United States War Department has announced allotment for harbor developments as follows: Waterway from Norfolk, Va., to the sounds of North Carolina, \$5,000; Roanoke River, \$4,800.

Exactly where these improvements will be made is not definitely known, but it is thought that wherever the Roanoke River improvement is made it will be beneficial to Plymouth and Washington County.

## Group Local People Invited To Fish Fry

A group from Plymouth were invited to attend a fish fry at Belhaven Park Wednesday evening from 6 until 9 o'clock. The supper was given under the auspices of the Belhaven Chamber of Commerce.

Included among those invited were E. H. Liverman, president of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce; Z. V. Norman, and others.

## FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

Blank cards have been sent all cotton growers for making applications for bale tags. Any cotton sold after July 1st must have bale tags attached, or it will be subject to penalty tax. Return or mail the card to your County Agent.

All government rented acres will be measured before the harvest season if you have too little, O. K.; if you have too much, this may prove embarrassing. Deliberate violation might cause cancellation of your contract. All rented acres may now be sown for hay or grazing.

Attention, sheep growers! Don't forget the wool sale at Creswell on June 29th. L. C. Salter, marketing specialist with the N. C. Division of Markets, will give demonstrations on grading, tying, and packing wool according to standard market classifications.

## CREDIT GROUP LOANS TOTAL OVER \$120,000.00

### 401 Farmers in Five Counties Benefit; Average Loan Is \$303.41

Farmers of Balford, Hyde, Tyrrell, Martin, and Washington Counties borrowed a total of \$121,667 from January 1 to June 1 through the Washington Production Credit Association, according to figures released by the Farm Credit Administration of Columbia. The loans were made to a total of 401 farmers, the average loan being \$303.41.

In the four states served by the Farm Credit Administration, of Columbia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, over \$7,000,000 was borrowed by 28,120 farmers. An additional \$450,000 is being advanced to farmers who are obtaining their loans in a series of installments during the season.

The spring seasonal demand for crop production loans has now passed its peak, and a larger percentage of the farmers borrowing from the associations are obtaining loans for general agricultural purposes, such as for purchasing work stock, equipment and machinery, and for financing repairs and improvements. This trend toward general purpose loans is reflected in the gradual increase in the size of the average loan.

Farmers borrowing from these newly organized, short-term credit institutions partially owned and operated by the borrowers are effecting a considerable saving on interest charges, which are now at the rate of 5 per cent a year, charged on an annual basis and collected at maturity of the loan. Thus, a farmer borrowing \$500 for a year would pay \$25 interest on a loan for 12 months, while a farmer borrowing the same amount for six months would pay only \$12.50 interest, or if the loan was for three months, \$6.25.

## Many Features In New Goodrich Truck Tires

With three new features, a newly developed truck and bus tire known as the Goodrich Triple Protected Silver-tone has been placed on the market, according to R. S. Browning, dealer for the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Co., located at Plymouth.

"This new tire for commercial service has three new protection features, Ply-flex, Ply-lock and 100 per cent full floating cords," Mr. Browning says.

"Plylock is a new process of locking the continuous plies of the tire around the bead, anchoring them in place and floating the tapered plies ends in rubber. Its use prevents the plies tearing loose just above the bead, a trouble often found in tires using short reinforcement plies, rather than this new construction.

"The new tire has a layer of Ply-flex, a new tough, sturdy rubber material protecting the sidewall. This distributes stresses throughout the carcass and prevents local weaknesses. It bears the brunt of the strain caused by the tire flexing several hundred times a minute.

"By using full floating cord fabric, every cord in the new tire is entirely surrounded by rubber. This makes the tire run cooler, due to the absence of friction causing cross-cords, and thus extends the life of the tire."

## Benefit Lawn Party At Roper Church 28th

Roper.—The Woman's Missionary Society of the Roper Methodist church will give a benefit lawn party on the church lawn Thursday evening, June 28, it was announced by Mrs. Atkinson, wife of the pastor.

A plate supper at a nominal cost will be served at 6 o'clock. Ice cream will also be on the menu.

## LOCALS BAT 11-6 WIN WEDNESDAY OVER AHOSKIE

### Elizabeth City and Bertie Drop Out; Locals Idle For One Day

Hammering visiting hurlers for 16 hits, Plymouth defeated Ahoskie the second time in the series, 11 to 6, Wednesday.

Glenn Reeves was shelled from the mound in the fifth after allowing 11 hits, and Taylor was punched for the remaining blows. Lefty Braum yielded only 7 blows in eight innings, being yanked after Taylor had hit him on the pitching arm while at bat.

Chappell, Johnson and Brown paced the winners with three safeties, while Womble hit the same number for Ahoskie. Corbitt hit a homer.

This makes the second league game taken from Ahoskie, as by mutual consent Wednesday's encounter was credited as a league victory for Plymouth.

Batteries: Plymouth, Braum, Hudson, and Johnson. Ahoskie: Reeves, Taylor and Outland.

The Lewis Sporting Goods Team of Raleigh will play Plymouth here Sunday afternoon, June 24, in an exhibition game.

Elizabeth City counted 10 runs in the sixth inning here last Thursday to defeat Plymouth, 10 to 3. A disputed decision at first base unnerved Snooze Burnham, causing him to blow up, and 10 runs passed over the plate before he was yanked.

Chub Goodman with three hits, including a homer, and Maxie Welch, with the same number, led Elizabeth City, while Van Horn, with a homer and another safety, led Plymouth, with Chappell annexing two blows.

Williamston defeated Plymouth 11 to 3 here Friday. Four Plymouth hurlers walked 11 men and allowed six hits, while the local combed Dick Cherry for a dozen blows, including homers by Bugg and Monk Morris, but could make only three tallies.

Monk Morris had a perfect day at bat with three out of three while Chappell counted two blows. Earp with two led Williamston.

Williamston humbled Plymouth, 11 to 6 on Saturday in Williamston. Dallas Morris with three blows out of five led Plymouth. Gaylor, Uzzle and Brogden led Williamston with two each. Plymouth's hurlers did a little better this time. They only allowed nine walks.

Plymouth regained their stride in a 9 to 5 victory against Roanoke Rapids here Sunday. This was an exhibition game. Chappell and Edens with two each led Plymouth, while Garris and Ryles with the same number led Roanoke Rapids at bat. Harry Van Horn hurled for Plymouth.

Ahoskie gave Plymouth a chance to stage a comeback in a game with an Albemarle League club, but then this was an exhibition game on Tuesday, when Plymouth nosed out a 2 to 1 victory.

## W. C. Reid To Succeed Winecoff in Place Here

William (Bill) C. Reid, of Williamston, will be stationed here for serving the customers of the Virginia Electric and Power Company to replace C. R. Winecoff, who has been on the field here since the power firm purchased the local plant and franchise.

Mr. Reid was officially connected here on June 15, the date effective in Mr. Winecoff's resignation. He will move his wife here, and they will occupy an apartment, but it is not known just where yet. Mr. Reid worked here some before with Mr. Winecoff and has been used as a utility man about the office in Williamston.

Mr. Winecoff will report to a private power firm's plant in Los Angeles, Calif., where he has accepted a position, starting August 1.

# Democrats of County Hold Convention Here Saturday

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### SCORE SALES TAX AND ASK REPEAL IF IT IS POSSIBLE

### Recognized That Measure May Be Needed to Keep Low Land Tax

The resolution as read by J. W. Darden and passed by the meeting follows in full:

"Be it resolved by the Democratic Party of Washington County in convention assembled:

"First, That we believe and declare that the whole American nation is now headed out of the slough of despondency, despair, and economic ruin into which we were plunged by the Republican Party, and is, under the leadership of that great statesman, Frank D. Roosevelt, headed on toward a new and well-founded prosperity, and the administration of the affairs of the national government under the leadership of our President is heartily endorsed.

"Second, That the State of North Carolina, under the leadership of our friend, neighbor, and statesman, Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, has emerged more rapidly from the national conditions prevailing than have most other states, and that the leadership particularly of the executive and legislative branches of our state government have been sound, courageous and calculated to bring the greatest good to the greatest number of people. We generally endorse the actions and policies of our state administration. That we particularly endorse the enactment of a law which has provided a uniform eight-months school term for every county and district in the state, and has provided equal opportunities of education for all of the children of the state. We further particularly endorse the action of the state administration, followed by legislation, which has balanced the fiscal budget of the state, and has rebuilt and refounded the credit of North Carolina so that today it is without a peer in the American Union.

"Third: That the necessity for the enactment of a sales tax law is deplored, but we realize and declare that without it the credit of the state would have been dragged in the dust, our schoolhouses would have been closed and our children turned out, the taxes on our homes and farms would have been so greatly increased that their owners could not have retained them.

"That we believe it should be the policy of the Democratic Party to repeal the sales tax as soon as it can be done without crippling the financial structure of our state, impairing the efficiency of our schools, or imposing additional burdens of taxation upon the homes and farm, but that we do not believe the time has come when it can be repealed without accomplishing at least some of those results. That, therefore, until the conditions change, we strongly doubt the wisdom of its repeal, unless the revenue now provided by it can be had from some other source than ad valorem taxation.

"Fourth, That the convention members with deep regret the untimely demise of that staunch Democrat and representative in the last General Assembly, Captain C. E. Mizelle, and that the chair shall appoint a committee to draft suitable resolutions of regret of his passing, which shall be spread upon the minutes of this convention, and copies of which shall be delivered to his family, and to the Roanoke Beacon for publication.

## Hold Sunday School Convention in Creswell

Creswell.—The Scuppernon Township Sunday school convention met with the Methodist Protestant church in Creswell Sunday.

The Scripture was read by the president, S. R. Davenport with prayer by Ellis Davenport. A group of children from the Episcopal Sunday school sang a song. Mrs. H. L. Jackson read a good item.

Special music was rendered by the Mount Pleasant Baptist Sunday school. The attendance banner was awarded to the Episcopal Sunday school here. Rain prevented a large attendance.

## Alfred Bratten Named Night Watchman Here

Alfred Bratten was chosen as the night watchman at the municipal plant in Plymouth to succeed C. T. Coffield, who resigned to accept a job with the National Handle Company.

The city council decided to give the job to Mr. Bratten. It pays \$13 weekly. Mr. Bratten was chosen from among seven or eight candidates for the job.

### CHARGE NO FEE FOR LICENSES

### Threshers and Peanut Picker Operators Required To Have Permit

According to W. V. Hays, county agent, officials of the State Department of Agriculture state emphatically that instead of the rumored licensing of threshing machines this year at a very high fee cost, that there will be no cost at all.

Attention was called to the Department of Agriculture that an old law is still on the state statutes. This requires each threshing machine to operate under a yearly license to be secured from the county register of deeds. Mrs. Mary Sawyer, register of deeds, has instructions accordingly.

These licenses are free, but required. The real purpose is to get records of acres and pounds or bushels threshed or picked. The government and state agricultural departments are faced with the problem of providing official county figures on wheat, oats, rye, barley and peanuts. The crop control program of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration makes this matter especially important at the present time. The best source is from the threshing records.

The cooperation of farmers and operators alike is necessary in order to secure the needed results.

## TO HOLD CLINIC AT TARBORO

### Cripples in County Eligible To Attend; Sponsored By Rotary Club

Cripples in Washington County are urged to attend an orthopedic clinic that is to be held in Tarboro on the Monday before the last Tuesday of each month in the Sunday school building of the Presbyterian church.

Dr. A. R. Shands, of Duke University, Durham, reputed to be one of the best bone surgeons in the South, will examine and treat free of charge all who are not able to pay for such treatment. The clinic will open at 1 o'clock in the afternoons. The first will be on June 25.

The Tarboro Rotary Club is sponsoring this clinic and will pay Dr. Shands, but where braces or special appliances are needed for extended treatment, the county or some individual will be asked to pay for these added items. The State Board of Rehabilitation is cooperating with the club.

The clinic is for those who are unable to pay, however, Dr. Shands will be glad to confer with those who are able to pay for their treatment. Cripples from seven other counties, including Tyrrell, are urged to avail themselves of this opportunity to better their conditions.

## Joe Dixon To Enter Business in Wilmington

Joe Dixon will sever his long connection with the National Handle Company plant here July 1.

Mr. Dixon has served as mill superintendent of this plant for a number of years and has been the right-hand man for Carl L. Groves, resident manager, all of this time.

No successor has been named as yet to Mr. Dixon, and it is possible that no one will be named at this time. Mr. Dixon will enter the handle business in Wilmington, it is understood.

Among the applicants for occupancy of the beautiful home of Mr. Dixon on Washington Street is A. M. Anderson, who has been named principal of the Plymouth schools for the next term, succeeding Mr. Hicks.

## Recommend Opening Date for Eastern Tobacco Marts

If recommendations made by tobacco warehousemen in a meeting held last week in Asheville are favorably considered by the United States Tobacco Association, tobacco markets in Eastern North Carolina will open the 28th of August, or two weeks after selling operations are started in South Carolina.

While the recommendations are understood to have no official standing, it is believed the association will consider them in determining the dates when it meets the early part of next month.

### 11 DELEGATES TO STATE MEET IN RALEIGH NAMED

### County Has 11 Votes in State Convention; E. S. Blount Chairman

Armed with resolutions that "we generally endorse the actions and policies of our State administration, especially the uniform eight months school law," 11 delegates from Washington County were in Raleigh Thursday attending the state convention of the Democratic party.

The resolutions which they adopted also approved the national administration and "deplored the necessity of a sales tax and pledged the group to its repeal as soon as it can be done without crippling the financial structure of the State." Also resolutions were passed in memory of the death of Captain C. E. Mizelle, who died during his term as representative to the legislature.

The group that left here will cast the 11 votes for this county. In the county convention held Saturday the town ships had the following voting strength in the convention in view of the votes cast in the recent election: Plymouth, 700 votes cast, 16 votes in convention; Lees Mills, 423, with 9 votes in convention; Scuppernon, 296, 6 convention votes; Skippersville 137, 3 convention votes; Wenona, 29, 1 convention vote.

This made a total of 35 official votes to be cast in the county convention. Wenona was not represented at the county convention. J. T. McNair, J. M. Clagon, P. W. Brinkley were appointed to write resolutions of respect for Captain C. E. Mizelle.

The following delegates were elected to represent the county at the state caucus: W. H. Clark, W. L. Whitley, C. L. Bailey, S. A. Ward, Sr., Z. V. Norman, J. M. Clagon, Harry Stell, E. L. Owens, Jim Davenport, Walter Starr, Louis Hassell. Alternates: Clyde Smithson, W. R. Hampton, C. N. Davenport, Jr., James A. Chesson, J. W. Darden, A. L. Owens, W. T. Alexander, O. A. Chesson, C. L. Everett, W. M. Darden, and S. A. Ward, Jr.

Edward S. Blount was named chairman of the Washington County Democratic executive committee for the coming term. W. L. Whitley presided over the county convention Saturday, while Mrs. Mary O. Sawyer served as secretary.

## KERR TOBACCO CONTROL BILL BECOMES LAW

### Act, Similar To Bankhead Bill, Goes To President for His Signature

Washington.—After many delays, the Kerr tobacco control bill was finally passed by both branches of Congress Monday and sent to the President for approval. There is no doubt that the bill will be signed since it has the full approval of the Department of Agriculture, which regards it as more desirable than the similar Bankhead cotton bill.

Representative John H. Kerr, the author of the bill, issued a statement following its final passage in which he predicted the law will result in an average price of not less than 20 cents for the North Carolina tobacco crop in 1934.

But aside from the law may or may not do in regard to decreasing production or raising prices, and its sponsors are certain it will do both, it seems quite certain that the law will to a large extent eliminate the condition which was responsible for its introduction.

The 95 per cent of the farmers who had signed reduction agreements felt that it was a manifest injustice for the 5 per cent who had not benefited more than they did themselves by the cooperative effort. It was that sort of a situation which was primarily responsible for the failure of the Tri-State Cooperative Association and under the agricultural adjustment act of last year the government sought to eliminate such a condition through benefit and rental payments.

This year tobacco farmers who cooperate will receive rentals of \$15 or \$20 an acre on all land removed from production and will also receive adjustment payments of 12 1-2 per cent.

Despite these advantages, however, there was much apprehension concerning the probability of resentment because of the opportunity for farmers not cooperating to produce on an unrestricted basis.