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## SUGGESTIONS BY FARM AGENT FOR LEAF GROWERS

Importance of Signing Contract Is Stressed by Mr. Hays

See that every grower that is eligible to sign a tobacco contract avails himself of this opportunity during the month of January.

Every tobacco grower should have his tobacco seed cleaned before sowing his plant beds. Clean seed will make healthy strong plants and will give a uniform stand.

Jamaica Wrapper, White Stem Orioco, Bonanza, Virginia Bright Leaf, or Cash are good varieties for the county. In case the tobacco growers do not have either of these varieties, I will be glad to furnish names and addresses of reliable seed men.

Only the very best tobacco fertilizers should be used in growing tobacco, and the following is good under average conditions: A 3-8-5 (light top sand, 3-8-6), analysis nitrogen, one-fourth nitrate nitrogen, one-fourth ammonia nitrogen, one-fourth cottonseed meal, and one-fourth from Peruvian or blood or high grade tankage should be the source of nitrate. Potash should be 2 per cent muriate and the remainder from sulphate of potash of magnesia and phosphate from superphosphate.

Only the best adapted fields should be used for 1935, and in case of wet-natured land, it would be well to break by bedding the soil. In case of soil that had been clean cultivated, early March breaking will be satisfactory.

The fertilizer should be put in the drill and thoroughly mixed with the soil a few days ahead of transplanting. For the best results in growing cigarette tobacco, the tobacco should be spaced about 24 inches in the drill and the rows should be 3 feet 9 inches to 4 feet apart. The richer the soil the closer the spacing should be.

In case you have light sandy land, where the fertilizer leaches very rapidly in case of big rains, it would be best to use two-thirds of your fertilizer under your tobacco and one-third of it as a second application about 20 days after the tobacco is transplanted.

The tobacco should be planted on what is equivalent to a 4-furrow bed not thrown up extremely high, but get the young plants up above the level of the ground. Begin cultivating as soon as the plants begin to make roots, and it should be cultivated every week to ten days until about 10 or 15 days prior to topping. In each cultivation the soil should be worked to the plant and the middle scattered. The tobacco plant puts out its feed roots up the stalk and every cultivation should be very carefully planned so as not to disturb the root system.

Special care should be taken at all times to prevent the destruction of the young tobacco leaves by worms.

**Bud Worms**  
The bud worms can be best destroyed by a mixture of two pounds of arsenate of lead to 50 pounds of corn meal. Thoroughly mix the arsenate of lead and meal together, drop a pinch of this mixture in the buds of the plants just as soon as you see indication of bud worms.

**Horn Worms**  
The horn worms are easily killed by dusting with arsenate of lead. Three pounds per acre is sufficient amount of poison to kill the worms. It may be necessary to mix air-slacked lime or wood ashes or some carrier of this type in order to get an even distribution of the arsenate of lead.

Topping of tobacco should begin as soon as one-fourth of the plants have reached the height that will give leaves enough to the plant and which will in the normal season, develop, then the tobacco should be topped as rapidly as the other plants develop to the growth that you have topped. Tobacco should be well suckered at all times and never allow suckers to get overgrown as they will sap the growth of the tobacco.

Harvesting should begin as early as enough tobacco is mature and ripened to justify priming a barn. Evey precaution should be taken not to overload or overcrowd the tobacco in the barns. It is very necessary that tobacco hung in the barn should have a circulation of air through the entire barn in order to get the best cure. Do not crowd the tobacco on the sticks or in the barn.

After the tobacco is cured, the tobacco should never be allowed to take up an excess amount of moisture, as this will cause the leaf to mold or rot. This can be taken care of by not allowing the tobacco to take up too much moisture before it is taken out of the barn and then pack in a dry packhouse. In case the tobacco takes up too much moisture in the packhouse at any time, it can be hung back in the barn and redried without any injury to the color, provided the temperature is not run over 110 degrees Fahrenheit.

## Representative Stell Gets Committee Appointments

Harry Stell, representative of Washington County to the North Carolina General Assembly, has been assigned to membership on the following committees:

Roads, federal relations, conservation and development, drainage, game, oyster industry. Having been game warden here for years, Mr. Stell's experience should be especially valuable to the committees of conservation and development and game.

## TOWN TEAM WINS FROM BELHAVEN

Much Interest Being Taken In Sport Here; Jimmy Brown Is Star

Sustained by the support of Jimmy Brown and the goal-throwing ability of Onward Gaylord, the town basketball team administered a 26 to 22 defeat to a strong Belhaven quint here last night in the Plymouth High School gym.

Gaylord got his eye on the basket in the second quarter and then continued to shoot the goal throughout the game, tallying 18 of the points for his club. Jones, from Belhaven, a tall center, was effective as he hung up the same number of points for his club.

This sport has taken on much interest here, as close to 100 people attended this game. Frank Sprull is manager of the local club and would like to secure games in this section with either good high school clubs or semi-pros.

Indications are now that Jimmy Brown may be secured as a coach. Brown has played state college basketball and is now the property of the Boston Red Sox baseball team and top-salaried man at Rochester, N. Y. He thinks he might be called to Boston should any one become injured, otherwise he will be in Rochester next season.

## PLAY AT ROPER IS BIG SUCCESS

"He's My Pal" Is Presented There Successfully Last Week

Roper.—Applause of the crowd attested to the fact that the senior class production at the Roper High School Friday night of "He's My Pal" was scored as a success.

This comedy-drama was given in three acts, with Renette Snell entering a boarding house of Ma Averill in a California town as an ugly duckling but emerging as one of the prettiest women in the section later being worked over by Lala Ruth Chesson, a beautiful.

Miss Snell was the sister of Raymond Ambrose, who had not seen her in five years until she came to visit him. Her appearance was clearly that of the girl from the "sticks" until developed into a beauty. Margaret Windley loved Harry Chesson but accepted the advances of Osbourne Marrow, because of his "bungalow."

Marie Sprull was almost perfect as "the mother of the lodgers at the boarding house." An orchid also goes to Bill Davenport for the hepecked husband, while Georgia Collins was the "commanding wife," who would have none of John F. Davenport's or Woodrow Collins' real estate.

Esther Knowles as the cook came in for her clever remarks. The play was directed by Miss Edwina Burche, a faculty member. Special music was directed by J. S. Aiken. Miss Margaret Chesson and Lucille Lewis sang between acts, as did Russell Chesson and his sister, Mrs. Harold Custer, of Richmond.

## Three Marriages Are Performed by Justice

The following marriages were solemnized at the home of Magistrate J. T. McNair on Washington Street during the latter part of December and in January:

Raleigh Stokesberry and Cassie Latham, of Pike Road, on Saturday evening, December 22.

W. E. Sawyer, of Plymouth, and Lou Manning, of Robersonville, Monday evening, December 24, at the magistrate's office on West Water Street.

Roy Paul and Miss Eva Sprull, both of Plymouth, on Tuesday evening, January 8, at the home of the magistrate.

## Bible Study Class Will Meet Monday Afternoon

There will be a meeting of the Bible Study Class on Monday afternoon, January 20, at the home of Mrs. Clyde Cahoon at 3:30 o'clock. All members of the class are urged to attend, as well as all members of the Episcopal congregation.

## MORE COLORED THAN WHITES IN SCHOOLS HERE

Figures on School Enrollment Made Public by Commission

More colored children are being educated in the public schools in Washington County than whites, it was learned today from figures released by the State School Commission.

Statistics show that there were 91 more colored children enrolled in this county last year than white, with the totals being given as 1,534 white, including 302 in high school, and 1,232 in elementary departments, while the average daily membership for the colored was 1,625, with 125 in high school and 1,500 in the lower grades.

The tabulations also show that there were 10 more whites in average daily attendance, counting a total of 1,350, including 301 in high school, and 1,049 in the grades, while the total for the colored was 1,340, with 108 in the high department and 1,232 in the lower department.

This reveals that there were 2,690 children going to school daily in a county with a population of a little over 11,000 during last term. The total average daily membership for the county was given at 3,159. There is a difference between 3,159 and 2,690 of 469 pupils, which were in membership but were not recorded in the average daily attendance.

Teachers allotted to Washington County by the state officials to teach their children for last term were given as 84, which included 18 high school instructors, with 13 of these in white schools and 5 in colored schools; 66 in the elementary, with 31 of these working with whites and 35 with the colored.

A total of \$54,149.38 was allotted to this county for school expense, including \$2,558.50 for general control; \$40,610.32 for instructional service; \$3,127.03 for operation of plants; and \$7,853.53 for auxiliary agencies (transportation and libraries).

The fund that was spent for general control went for salaries for superintendents, travel, clerks, office expense, audit and such, while instructional service includes the salaries of teachers and supplies. Operation of plant includes the wages of janitors, fuel, water, light, supplies and telephone. Auxiliary agencies included transportation, major replacements, and libraries.

## PROPOSE LOANS FOR SEED-FEED

Bill, Creating \$40,000,000 Fund, Introduced By Congressman

A bill creating a \$40,000,000 fund from which destitute farmers might borrow, has been introduced in the House of Representatives in Washington. The seed and feed loan bill is now expected to receive administration, late reports indicate.

When signing the bill last year, President Roosevelt stated that there would be no more, expecting the Production Credit Corporation to take care of the situation. However, the two North Carolina representatives were able to persuade the Emergency Finance Council, headed by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau that many share croppers were unable to produce collateral.

The new bill will require the borrower to pay recording fees, totalling \$1 in North Carolina and varying amounts in other states, and an inspection fee of \$2. Last year there were no charges whatever in addition to the 5 per cent interest.

Mr. Warren, who introduced the measure for the past three sessions, is considering offering an amendment eliminating the \$2 inspection fee on loans less than \$100.

## J. W. Starr Again Vice President of Credit Group

J. W. Starr, of Creswell, was reelected vice president and director for Washington County in the Washington Production Credit Association at a meeting held in Washington Wednesday.

Attending the meeting from here were Farm Agent W. V. Hays, Walter Moore, R. B. Davenport, J. M. Cheson, R. W. Lewis, and E. B. Spencer. A report was read by the officials which showed that stock purchased or \$5 last year was now worth \$5.30.

In a few years the organization will have the funds to loan the money without government aid. Applications for loans in Washington County should be directed to Sidney A. Ward, jr., who is now receiving them. A young lady will be in his office for three days weekly to aid in preparing these loans.

Mrs. Frank N. Evans and daughter, Ann Oliver, of Fayetteville, spent last week-end here with her sister, Mrs. John Deaver.

## FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

Approximately 500 peanut growers have signed average reduction contracts for 1935. These contracts must be signed before the 25th. There is a committee in your community who will make out your application, measure your land and take your sales receipts to him.

Any farmer controlling land on which cotton has been grown since 1928 may sign a contract for 1935. These contracts will be ready about the last of February. Allotment exemptions and information pertaining to this will be ready by the 1st of February.

Corn-hog contracts will be offered growers about the 1st of February, using the same base period for hogs and corn as was used in 1934 contract. This contract calls for a reduction of 10 per cent in hogs from the base and the payment on hogs will be \$15 per head for this 10 per cent. Corn rental has been raised to 35 cents per bushel. Notices will be sent growers when these contracts are ready.

Notice will be mailed to growers immediately upon arrival of checks.

Definite information has not been received from Washington relatives to allotments of tobacco grown outside the contract, new producers, etc. This information will be published upon receipt. Tobacco exemption outside the contract amounts to about 40 acres at an average yield for this county. Application for this has been made by at least 50 prospective tobacco growers. Unless a new ruling is made by the administration I certainly should not advise the production of tobacco at the increased cost of fertilizer, etc. There can be very little profit after paying for supplies and the tax. Tobacco may be expected to sell for much less than the prices received in 1934.

Growers who have not signed their marketing cards are urged to come to the office and do this at once, otherwise checks will be delayed.

Tobacco growers should clip the article on Tobacco Suggestions for Washington County. This article contains information and timely suggestions collected from the best tobacco growers in the state.

## COUNTY TEAMS ENTER TOURNEY

Three Teams Will Likely Be in Tournament at A. C. C., Wilson

Teams in the Roper, Creswell, and Plymouth schools will probably be entered in the Eastern North Carolina High School basketball tournament, which will be sponsored by Atlantic Christian College at Wilson during the first part of March.

Play will be in the new gymnasium that was dedicated at the college on January 5. Invitations to the teams meeting the eligibility rules in 38 eastern counties will be issued February 19. There are eight teams in the class A ruling and 240 to be considered in the class B range.

Trophies will be awarded the winning club in each class, with consolation prizes for the runners-up. Rooms for the teams will be provided by the college, while meals and transportation must be paid for by the team.

## Daughter of Former Resident Wins Honors

Honors continue to accrue to Miss Margaret Stubbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stubbs, who formerly lived in Plymouth but who now reside in Richmond, as a Virginia state paper carried a large picture of the beautiful Miss Stubbs with a companion and revealed that they won the New Year's prize for the best dancing couple at the English Tavern.

Miss Stubbs was also chosen as the winner of the Merto-Goldwyn-Mayer movie contest and named "Miss Richmond."

## Senator Bailey Chairman Of One Senate Committee

Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth, Senator from this district to the North Carolina General Assembly, has been named a member of the following committees: Finance, education, Judiciary No. 1, banks and currency, public utilities, constitutional amendments, chairman of conservation and development, congressional districts, rules, and public welfare.

Mr. Bailey lost in the race for president pro tempore of the Senate by a vote of 26 to 17, but he landed membership on some important committees.

Mrs. J. W. Grizzard, of Tarboro, spent the week-end here as the guest of Mrs. J. B. Carlisle.

## REDUCE BONDS OF HYDE MEN IN PRISON HERE

Men Accused of Shooting Hyde Officer Expect To Raise \$2,500 Bonds

Reduction of the amount of bond from \$5,000 to \$2,500 for Harry and Leslie Blake, of Hyde County, was announced here this week by Judge N. A. Sinclair, who is presiding over the January term of Washington County Superior Court here.

W. L. Whitley, local attorney, who appeared for the defendants in the matter, was of the opinion that the men would be released by Thursday morning, as the wife of one of the men left immediately after the hearing for her home to secure a bond for the amounts required.

They have been in the local jail since last Friday awaiting a decision by the jurist, who would not render a decision until the state's attorney was consulted about the reduction in the bonds. The decision was slated for Monday, but was not rendered until Wednesday.

The prisoners are charged with robbing and shooting William W. Payne, deputy sheriff of Hyde County, some time ago. The wife of Harry Blake and Mr. Whitley have had access to the prisoners here as the result of special instructions from Judge Sinclair. Sheriff J. K. Reid, who is widely known for his humane treatment of prisoners, is under the impression that the men like the local jail better than any in Durham, Washington, or Hyde Counties on account of its convenience and treatment.

## COUNTY AGENTS PLAN EXTENSION WORK FOR YEAR

Many Phases of Work Are Discussed by State and National Leaders

Plans for agricultural extension work in North Carolina during 1935 were discussed by farm and home agents and extension specialists meeting in annual conference at State College in Raleigh the week of January 7-12.

Approximately 170 agents and assistant agents attended the four-day session presided over by Dean I. O. Schaub. For the first time in the history of the work, the negro farm and home agents met with the white workers and heard first hand of the new plans affecting the agricultural life of the state. The agents met in district meetings to talk shop each morning from 8:30 until 10 o'clock, after which they gathered in joint session to hear discussions of the main problems affecting the state at this time.

Land planning, the tenancy problem, rural rehabilitation, soil erosion control, 4-H club work, adjustment programs, rural electrification and kindred problems were presented by state and national leaders and were discussed by the extension group.

There were no evening sessions, since the agents have worked unusually hard during the past year, but recreational and amusement features were provided by the entertainment committee. A feature of the entertainment program was the annual extension banquet sponsored by the North Carolina chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, national extension fraternity.

Fred E. Walker, farm agent of Rockingham County, was elected president of the chapter to succeed Mrs. Rosalind Redfern, of Anson County; and Mrs. Effie Vines Gordon, home agent of Nash County, was elected president of the state home demonstration agent association. The home agents donated over \$50 to the Jane S. McKimmon loan fund to aid worthy club girls in obtaining a college education.

## Local Basketball Teams Win 2 Out of 3 Games

Copping two of three contests here last night the Plymouth cagers continued their victory march.

The Plymouth High School girls trounced the Pantego sextet, 27 to 22, led by Lois LeFever, who was good for 18 points before the opposition got wise and ordered their best guard to cover her. Bishop tallied 12 of the points for the losers.

The town quint, led by Jimmy Brown, who counted 11 points, defeated the town club of Pantego, 21 to 15. Windley thrilled the crowd with a couple of perfect throws from the middle of the court. Robbins, with 5 points, led the losers.

The Plymouth High School boys were a little too slow for the fast visitors, and fell before the invaders, 28 to 20, with James Windley shooting 13 points for Pantego and Cox counting 13 for Plymouth. James Windley also shone in flipping perfect long distance side shots.

## Little Damage Done By Fire Here Last Tuesday

Not much damage was done to the home of John James Tuesday when firemen were summoned in time to extinguish a blaze that was threatening his home. The fire caught from a flue and burned the roof. It was soon discovered as it was day, and the efforts of the firemen checked the spread and extinguished the flame.

## CLUB WORK FOR CURRENT MONTH

Good Workmanship Being Emphasized by County Home Agent

By Miss Eugenia Patterson  
The home demonstration clubs are studying "finishes for seams, edges, and hems in various materials" for January. The aim in this lesson is to emphasize good workmanship and to try to raise the standard of workmanship among our club women.

Workmanship cannot be emphasized too much. One may take an inexpensive piece of material and make it up into a lovely garment. On the other hand, one may take exquisite material and ruin it in the making. Workmanship is one of the tell-tale features in clothing work.

We want to be on our guard against accepting rules of yesterday for the mode of today. Adopt process and workmanship to the garment. A choice of process of construction that is in harmony with the value of the garment should be made. For instance, a good silk dress is worthy of a binding, put on in the conventional way.

This is our second year in clothing work. We want to start the year's work right, by having all members present. A good way to develop standards for excellent workmanship is to observe five examples of workmanship on garments made by experts, or on higher class ready to wear. The agent has some very nice examples of construction lines from J. and P. Coats Thread Company. The crocheting exhibit is also in the group and is worth seeing.

## LEGION WOMEN IN MEET HERE

Second District Meeting Is Held Here Thursday of Last Week

Members of the second district of the American Legion Auxiliary met here Thursday with good delegations from Plymouth, Columbia and Washington units, which comprise the district.

Mrs. Floyd Cahoon, of Columbia, presided over the session. A welcome address was made by Mrs. W. V. Hays, president of the local chapter. Response was by Miss Martha Sykes, president of the Columbia auxiliary. Mrs. W. B. Rodman, of Washington, reported on the half-year's work of her organization, while Mrs. S. C. Chaplin told of the work of the Columbia, and Mrs. W. V. Hays for Plymouth. The principal address was made by Mrs. H. M. Shumway, while Miss Arelia Adams, of Lexington, departmental secretary, also spoke. Sandwiches, tea and cookies were served by the local unit.

## Beauty Pageant To Be Staged Here Friday

A beauty pageant will be given at the Plymouth High School Friday night at 7:30 with the merchants cooperating in presenting young girls between the ages of 12 and 25 to vie for the honor of being chosen "Miss Plymouth of 1935."

The audience by secret ballot will select the winner, who will be given a trip to Winston-Salem for the state competition in March. A score or more of young ladies will participate. There will be a juvenile pageant for boys and girls from 3 to 6 with a prize going to the winner.

This production will be under the direction of a representative of Tel's Productions, which organization has been sponsoring these contests for some time.

## Raise Standards of Local Elementary Grade School

L. M. Anderson, principal of the Plymouth schools, recently received a letter from Miss Hattie Parrott, state grammar grade supervisor, stating that through her efforts and excellent teaching of the local grade teachers, the elementary school has at last been standardized. This means that a student leaving Plymouth will not be subjected anywhere in the state to entrance examinations, but will be accepted entirely on the basis of their record in the schools here. It also means a general state-wide recognition that the Plymouth teachers are among the very best in the state.

## MANY STUDENTS HERE FLUNK ON MID-TERM EXAM

Principal Says Work Can Be Made Up By Hard Studying

As the teachers file their reports for the first term's averages in the local high school, many students are learning that they will have to study a great deal harder this last term if they are to pass this year's work, it was announced this week by the principal. It is estimated that 30 per cent of the students failed one subject or more, some failing their entire course.

While the teachers realize that so many students should not fail, they also realize that the students must do the required amount and quality of work in order for the school to remain on the accredited list. Parents whose children have failed are requested to cooperate with the school in setting a more rigid home study schedule.

The principal stated that all students have been notified that a failure of the first term's work does not constitute a failure for the entire year, and if the students are ambitious enough they may correct their deficiencies yet in time to earn their unit.

The decision to raise the standards in the local school was reached after it was learned that the records of past Plymouth graduate in the colleges of the present rigid system, the faculty of the state was none too high. With hopes to turn out students better prepared to pass advanced work.

## DEATH OF MR. R. E. OVERTON

Funeral Held Tuesday for Well-Known Local Resident

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon for Robert Edward Overton, 61, who succumbed at his home on Main Street here Monday morning at 10 o'clock as the result of a cerebral hemorrhage which seized him about an hour earlier while he was at work in the National Handle Company plant.

He was a member of the Christian church and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Rev. N. A. Taylor and Mayor Gilbert Davis, both Christian ministers, officiated. A large crowd attended, including employees of the handle plant, members of the Junior Order and members of his Sunday school class, who were honorary pall bearers.

Interment took place in the Windley cemetery near town. Active pallbearers were B. O. Bishop, Ray Bateman, Albert Alexander, Eugene Overton, P. D. Allen, Will Browning, Surviving are a widow and two daughters, Mrs. T. A. Avent and Miss Rossella Overton, of Rocky Mount; two sisters, Mesdames Pauline Bateman and Mrs. Leonard Ausbon, Plymouth; Mrs. Grady Sullivan, of Greenville; and three brothers, Warren and Henry Overton, of Plymouth; and Eugene Overton, of Greenville.

## 20 A. C. C. Students From Martin and Washington

Martin and Washington Counties are well represented at Atlantic Christian College during the fall semester, which ends on January 26. A total of 20 students are enrolled from these two counties, 15 of them coming from Martin and the 5 remaining from Washington.

Approximately 75 per cent of the student body comes from Eastern North Carolina. Twenty-four counties and 5 states are represented in the student enrollment.

Students coming from Martin County are the following: Mae Anderson, Williamson; Randolph Chandler, Robersonville; Chloe Roberson, Robersonville; Marjorie Rogers, Robersonville; Annie Louise Taylor, Robersonville; Slade Congleton, Parmele; Lou Ellen Perry, Robersonville; Berenice Roberson, Robersonville; C. G. Walters, Jamesville; Elizabeth House, of Robersonville; Neil Harrison, Williamson; Alvaretta Weaver, Williamson; Marjorie Moore, Williamson; and Russell Roebuck, Williamson.

The five students coming from Washington County are George Dixon, Roper; Hugh Reppas, Plymouth; Benton Liverman, Plymouth; Neva Liverman, Plymouth; and Della Bowen, Plymouth.

## Parents and Teachers To Meet At Roper Tuesday

Roper.—The parent-teacher association of the Roper school will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday night, January 22, at 7:30. The regular date for meeting has been permanently changed due to conflict of extra-curricular activities of the high school.