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FARM TEACHERS HOLD MEETING IN ROPER TUESDAY

Fail To See Value in Soil Erosion Program for Eastern Farmers

Instructors in vocational agriculture of high schools in Washington, Martin, and Tyrrell Counties failed to see where the soil erosion program in progress in the western counties of this state would be of any use down here but they heard a good and interesting talk from Mr. Marr, a representative of the soil erosion control group at Roper Tuesday.

Less hills here and more flat land cause a different problem here, the teachers thought. Up in the west they must make the high-furrowed embankments to keep the soil from washing away, but down here they are confronted with a problem of seeking some way for the water to run off of cultivated land.

Besides Mr. Marr, J. K. Coggins, new supervisor of vocational agriculture in this section, was an interesting speaker at the meeting. Present at the meeting were the following farm teachers: C. H. Rabon, Creswell; C. H. Floyd, Roper; Pat Duncan, Columbia; R. C. Jordan, Jamesville; Mr. Mullins, Oak City.

Hyde County Men Freed Under Bond

Mortgage bonds were used to secure the release here last Friday night of Harry and Leslie Blake, of Fairfield, Hyde County, who were released under a bond of \$2,500 each from the Washington County jail last Friday evening.

The two were being held in jail here charged with the shooting and robbing of William Payne, deputy sheriff of Hyde County, November 24, 1934. The victim was robbed of \$3,000 in cash and checks on tax collections. Their first bond of \$5,000 each was cut in half by Judge N. A. Sinclair. They will be tried in Hyde County in May.

Students To Attend Ahoskie Stock Sale

A group of students in vocational agriculture in the Creswell High School will attend a sale of Guernsey heifers at Ahoskie Saturday. These heifers were produced by other vocational students in Randolph County and are being sold to farmers and others.

C. H. Rabon, head of vocational agriculture in the Creswell High School, will endeavor to get purchases made of these cattle so as to start a Better Cattle Club in Washington County, thus starting a movement for better cows on the farms in Washington County.

Special Services at Holly Neck Church

"The Church of Christ, Its Foundation," is the subject of the sermon that will be delivered by Rev. M. L. Ambrose, of Roper, pastor of a circuit of Christian churches in Washington and Tyrrell Counties, at the Holly Neck church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. In the evening he will speak on "The Mission of the Spirit of God in the World."

Rev. Mr. Ambrose has been at Roper about two months. He came from Creeds, Va. He is serving Holly Neck, St. Delight, Zion's Chapel in Washington and Cabin Swamp in Tyrrell County. Every one is invited to attend services in his churches.

Young Minister To Be Ordained 4th

Creswell.—Rev. J. W. Hardy has returned home after spending last week at Wilmington, where he passed an examination for the priesthood of the Episcopal denomination. He will be ordained by Bishop Darst on March 4th at Columbia.

Father of Principal Anderson Is Dead

Frank L. Brinkley, a former faculty member of the Plymouth High School was on the job again last week, relieving Principal L. M. Anderson, who, with his wife, was called to Burkeville, Va., on account of the death of J. F. Anderson, father of Mr. Anderson. Principal Anderson is back on the job now.

To Hold Contest in Public Speaking

Creswell.—Elimination contests will soon be held in schools in Washington County to name the participant in the group public speaking contest that will be held in Roper around the first of April, it was announced today by C. H. Rabon, head of vocational agriculture in the Creswell school.

In the group meeting will be participants from schools in Martin, Washington and Tyrrell counties. A district elimination contest will be held with the date and place to be announced later.

A livestock judging contest will be held about the same time, at which time farm students will have an opportunity to judge dairy cattle, beef cattle, breeding swine and the different beef cuts, including beef, lamb, and pork.

BILL WOULD CUT COST OF AUTO LICENSE PLATES

Minimum of \$9 Favored in Bill Likely to Receive Committee Approval

The highway department is scheduled to lose \$1,200,000 in revenue if the proposed reduction in automobile licenses goes into effect. It is reported that the subcommittee of the joint roads committee will report favorably of the bill introduced by Senator White, of Robeson, which would reduce the minimum tax to \$9 by a reduction in the present 55 cents per hundred-weight charge to 40 cents.

Based on present registrations the state would thus lose about \$1,200,000 in revenue. Proponents of a reduced license fee argue that the state would lose nothing as a result of such reduction because, they say, the loss in license revenue would be made up by an increased use in gasoline on which the state collects a tax. Figures compiled in Georgia, where auto tags have been reduced to \$3, disprove their contention.

Many legislators who have studied the highway problems of the state point out that expert engineers say that the average life of a concrete road properly maintained under average traffic loads, is 20 years and 8 months. Most of North Carolina's roads of that type were constructed between 1921 and 1926. Therefore, a tremendous amount of construction work will be necessary in 1941-46. Many legislators say they believe that the state should not reduce license fees, but any contemplated reduction be applied instead to the fund which looks forward to the time when the highways will have to be rebuilt. This, they say, would not result in still heavier taxation in the next decade for reconstruction because a fund will have been created by that time which would help largely to pay for such work.

In spite of such arguments, however, it is almost certain that some reduction in automobile licenses will be made. Reduction below the \$9 level is remote, despite the number of bills introduced which would cut the fee to \$5. Most such measures were introduced merely to keep campaign promises. Few introducers of those bills had any hope at all that they would be adopted. The 15-cent, \$9-reduction bill is the lowest figure at which observers at the state capital will place lowered license costs.

CRESWELL

Miss Mamie Forehard, of Tyrne, was the guest of Mrs. Major Forehard the past week.

Miss Virginia Daveport and Miss Elizabeth Phelps, accompanied by Mr. Floyd Spencer, of Columbia, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Davenport at Alligator.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Phelps, of Washington were the week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Phelps.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Phelps and little son, of Williamston, were the week end guests of his brother, Mr. C. J. Phelps.

Mrs. Ida Hassell has returned from Raleigh, where she has been spending some time with relatives.

The ninth grade of Creswell High School gave a party Wednesday night at the home of Miss Dorothy Hathaway. During the evening games and contests were played. The hostess served a delicious sweet course.

Miss Mary Clark spent the week-end with her parents at Inez, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. J. Winstead and little daughter, of Goldsboro, were the week-end guests of her mother, Mrs. Sallie Williams. They were accompanied here by Mrs. Williams, Mr. C. H. Aderholdt was the week-end guest of his parents at Lincoln-ton.

Mrs. Mae Simmons spent Monday in Plymouth on business.

TOTAL 70 CARDS ARE SENT IN BY COUNTY PARENTS

Few Births Have Been Reported in This County for Past Year

Parents of Washington County are starting their reports to Washington of the births of children born in the county during the past twelve months. Cards mailed during the first two weeks of the "Register Your Baby" campaign show that 70 children have been properly registered.

This is compared with 299 children which were recorded as having been born in this county during the year 1933, as shown in the files of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health in Raleigh. Parents are urged by Dr. John H. Hamilton, director of the bureau, to send in these cards as early as possible.

North Carolina had 75,238 births properly recorded in 1933, and incomplete figures show that 79,350 births had been recorded for 1934, by which Dr. Hamilton estimates that enough more will be added to make the number of births in the state last year 80,000 or more.

With almost a 5,000 increase in births in 1934 over those in 1933, as shown by the records, it is believed that North Carolina has the chance of again taking her place at the head of the list in birth rate, a position held for many years, but from which she was dislodged last year by New Mexico, and tied with Utah for second place.

Complete recording of births is being urged in the State by the U. S. Bureau of the Census, the State Board of Health and the State Emergency relief Administration.

Freak Egg Is Put On Display Here

An egg with a perfect heart formed by a white soft crust was exhibited here by Mrs. W. A. Swain Saturday. The egg was sent to the Beacon by Mrs. L. D. Collins, of Pleasant Grove, who found it in a hen nest in her lot. The egg was perfect in every particular except for the fact that over the top of the hard shell was the soft white crust in the form of a heart. This is unusual, and so far as is known is the first to be exhibited in Plymouth.

Bible Class Holds Barbecue Supper

Creswell.—The men's Bible class of the Episcopal church held a barbecue supper at the Jim Stuart store Wednesday night, with the women's Bible class and teachers as special guests.

A delicious supper was served. Mr. J. W. Starr, superintendent of the Sunday school, gave the address of welcome, with the response by C. H. Aderholdt, teacher of the class.

75 Applications for Farm Loans Made

Miss Maude Wynn, of Washington, is in the office here of Attorney S. A. Ward, jr., after 12 o'clock each Wednesday and all day Friday and Saturday of each week to assist in preparing applications and other aid to those wishing loans from the Washington Production Credit Association. So far she has prepared about 75 applications for those wishing loans, with an average of these being at \$300. Some have been as low as \$50, while the highest is in the \$800 class.

Attendance Good At Roper School

Roper.—The Roper school opened Monday morning with a good attendance. It had been closed for about two weeks on account of illness among the students.

A basketball game will be played Friday night at 7:30 between the Plymouth boys and girls and the local squads. A small admission will be charged.

Williamston Men At Meeting Here

W. C. Manning, editor of the Beacon, and four other Williamston men were visitors at Perseverance Lodge of the Masonic fraternity here Tuesday night. The men called it a social call, but Mr. Manning made an interesting talk.

Two Hurt in Grade Crossing Accident

T. Lee Harrison, of New Bern, and his daughter, Miss Dare Harrison, sustained cuts and bruises but were not seriously hurt when their automobile was struck by a freight train on the Norfolk Southern Railroad at the Lucas farm crossing near here.

The car was completely demolished. They were coming to Plymouth to visit Mr. Harrison's mother, who lives near here and who was severely burned last week.

Yard Improvement Over Whole County Aim of Home Agent

General Plan Outlined by District Agent Excellent One To Follow

Your home agent is very anxious to see in the near future every yard in Washington County improved. For the benefit of all the people, the general plan suggested by our district agent, Miss Pauline Smith, is a splendid one to use. Any person who wants to improve their surroundings can find much information in the "first year" plan of yard work. Miss Smith is an authority on landscaping and is acting as yard specialist for the State Extension Department.

Alligator Girl To Be Here All This Week

"Alice," known as an alligator girl, will exhibit in the store building next to the store of A. L. Owens here the remainder of this week. The unusual woman appearing here next week is a college graduate, and is the only human in the world who has had the huge amount of \$25,000 offered for her body. She was born, reared and educated in Raleigh.

Slot Machines Are Made Illegal by Act

Slot machines and other such coin machines have been taken down and stored away waiting for the owners to call for them in respect for the law that has passed the North Carolina legislature outlawing the mechanical devices.

These machines had been a source of profit to many business houses here. But they were folded away neatly Wednesday in response to telegrams from Raleigh officials ordering this done.

Respected Colored Man Died Last Week

Funeral services were held last week for Sam Hines, colored, 70 years of age, who died on the farm of J. C. Spruill last week as the result of paralysis. He was a well known and well liked colored citizen and maintained the respect of people who knew him. He leaves a wife and five children.

Representative and Mrs. Stell Visitors

Representative and Mrs. Harry Stell were at home during the week-end from Raleigh. Mr. Stell is representing this county in the assembly, and Mrs. Stell is with him. They are located in a nice place near the capitol. Mrs. Stell has been very sick with pneumonia and when she left there Saturday it was her first time outdoors for several days.

Pete Stuart, Aged Negro, Dies Here

Death claimed Pete Stuart last week. He was colored but was well known and well liked by both white and colored in Washington County. For years he was employed by the old Wilts Vencer Company. Also he was a servant for some time for Clarence Latham when he lived here.

To Stage Minstrel Here Next Month

Gay H. Savery, of Willingford, Vermont, will arrive next week for a visit to Shep Brinkley. Mr. Savery, while here, will stage a unique minstrel with Shep's assistance, which promises to be one of the season's best entertainment features.

Looks Like Anybody's Race As Contestants Now Stand

Funeral Held Friday At Mt. Tabor Church For R. W. Furlough

Had Been in Ill Health for Some Time; Died Last Thursday

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Mount Tabor F. W. B. church for R. W. Furlough, age 46, who died Thursday about noon at his home in the Mount Tabor neighborhood.

Rev. T. F. Davenport conducted the service. A large crowd attended the funeral, and the floral offering was beautiful.

Mr. Furlough had been in ill health with a complication of diseases for some time, although he was taken seriously ill only a few days before he died.

His wife preceded him to the grave 13 months ago. Surviving him are four children, Mrs. L. V. Spencer, Columbia; Mrs. Jordan Phelps, Miss Aleathia Furlough, and Mr. Elvin Furlough; a mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan A. Furlough; three brothers, A. W., J. D. and M. J. Furlough; five sisters, Mrs. C. J. Hair, Mrs. T. F. Davenport, Mrs. D. E. Spruill, Mrs. H. W. Phelps, and Mrs. C. H. Ange, of Jamesville.

The pall-bearers were J. F. Ambrose, J. M. Gibbs, Lee Midyette, H. S. Furlough, Loomis Furlough, and D. E. Spruill.

Flower bearers were his nieces, Misses Callie and Virginia Davenport, Lillie J. Bateman, Eardine Spruill, Erma, and Eleanor Furlough.

Schedule for Home Agent Next Week

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

Monday afternoon, February 25th, Wenoona.
Tuesday, Cross Roads.
Wednesday, Cool Springs.
Thursday, Piney Grove.
Friday, Lake Farm.
Saturday morning, curb market. Come!

Orthopedic Clinic In Tarboro Monday

Another invitation has been extended by the Tarboro Rotary Club to cripples in Washington County to attend its orthopedic clinic, which will be held at 12 o'clock Monday, February 25, at the Presbyterian Sunday school building in Tarboro.

The clinic is in charge of a competent orthopedic surgeon. Free examination and treatment is given all who are financially unable to pay. Patients of all ages, races, and creeds are welcome.

Complete Two ERA Projects in Creswell

Creswell.—Baseball is claiming attention here again with the completion this week of a grandstand which will seat about 300 people on the Creswell High School campus. This was an ERA project with Roy Hopkins in charge. A cement bridge across a drainage ditch was completed also. Forty people have been employed on the projects.

Lees Mills Sunday School Convention

Roper.—The Lees Mills Sunday School Convention will be held at Roper on Sunday, February 24, at the Roper Baptist church. All are urged to be present by W. A. Swain, president, who is expecting a good crowd and a good program.

Aged Man Died at Roper Last Tuesday

Roper.—Mr. Wright, about 70 years of age, died at the home in Roper of his son-in-law, Dr. W. T. Gibson, on Tuesday at midnight from angina pectoris. He was making his home with the local relatives. He was from Batesburg, S. C. His body left here Wednesday for interment at his old home.

FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

The 4-H club boys in Randolph and Alamance Counties are putting on a pure-bred Gurnsey heifer and bull sale at Ahoskie on Saturday, February 23. The 4-H club boys and vocational students will have an opportunity to buy a good calf at this sale. This is a good project for a club boy or girl, and one on which they can make some money after a year or so.

A letter from the Wool Growers Association states that the wool market has been very much depressed for the past year and that orderly marketing has been the only thing that has helped maintain prices at their present level. As soon as final disposition is made of this wool a final settlement will be made Washington County shippers. Wool growers should realize that we received an advance of two cents better than we were offered for wool at the time of the sale. Let's make our plans for a wool pool and sale about the first of June this year.

Very few complaints from tenants relative to landlords taking over the tenant's tobacco crop have been made to the county committee. It is well to remember, however, that the number of tenants or share croppers must not be reduced in 1935 to continue receiving benefits under a tobacco reduction contract.

The 1935 cotton contracts have not yet been received at the county office. Notices will be sent to growers immediately upon arrival of these, and they may then go immediately to their township committees in their respective communities for making out these contracts.

We are now accepting tobacco contracts at the county office on land where tobacco was grown in 1931, 32, and 33. Tobacco must be grown during those years to be able to get a contract. Forms for making application for exemption allotments have not yet been received.

Corn and hog contract signers will be notified when and where to apply for contracts for 1935 between now and March 4th. A supply of forms and contracts will be in the hands of committeemen in each township by that time for making out new contracts.

A few peanut contract signers have not as yet sent in their sales slips for peanuts and a few have not as yet measured their land. This is holding up the whole county, and a report must be gotten away from the county not later than the first of March, otherwise these contracts will be delayed, which will cause delayed payments to the grower.

Special Services at Christian Church

Another of the series of special services that are being held during "Home Beautiful Month," February, at the Plymouth Christian church, will be held Sunday night, February 24, at 7:30. This will be "Family Night." All families are invited. The largest family present will be honored in some special way. Each family will be asked to sit together. Rev. N. A. Taylor will bring the message of the hour, "Home Cooperation With the Church."

Other services of the day follows: 9:45 a. m. Bible school. 11 a. m., morning worship. Sermon subject, "The Lord's Supper." 6:30 p. m., both senior and young people's C. E. meets.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 a continuation of special services will be held. The subject of the evening will be "An Ideal Home." Attorney W. L. Whitley will be the speaker.

3 County Teams To Enter Tournament

Schools at Creswell, Roper and Plymouth in Washington County are expected to send a basketball squad to Atlantic Christian College in Wilson on March 8 and 9 to participate in the first annual high school basketball tournament for eastern North Carolina.

Twenty-five high schools in nearby counties have entered quints. All teams must be entered by February 25. Class B is probably the rating which the Washington County clubs will play in, as the schools have less than the 250 enrollment specified.

VOTE SCHEDULE WILL DECREASE SATURDAY NIGHT

Race Not Over Nor Prizes Won Until March 9; Urge Workers Keep Busy

The end of the first period of The Roanoke Beacon's subscription contest comes this Saturday, and following that there will be a slight decrease in the value of the votes given. Right now contestants are earning 100 votes for each renewal to the paper and 200 on a new subscription. A two-year order earns 300 and a three-year 600, with double credit being given on new subscriptions.

After Saturday these credits will decrease to 80 votes in the case of one year subscriptions, 200 for two years, and 400 for a three year.

As matters stand now it looks like anybody's race with the end of the drive set for 12 o'clock noon of Saturday, March 9, just a little over two weeks away. It may be that those who are running in the lead for the prizes of \$300, \$150, \$75, \$50, and \$25 will continue to hold to the top, or it may be that some others who have already enrolled in the contest and who have not as yet reported with subscriptions will take on a new lease of life and start working real hard.

Some Favored To Win
At this writing the workers who seem to have the best opportunity to win, judging from reports of subscriptions already made to the office include Miss Elizabeth Vail, of Route 1; Miss Margaret Hooker, of Plymouth; Mrs. H. D. Peele and Miss Esther Knowles, of Roper; Miss Wilona T. Gardner, also of Plymouth; Mrs. S. F. Darden, of Route 1; Mrs. R. E. Dumming, also of this town; Claire Wilson and Miss Callie Davenport, the last named of Creswell. Mr. J. Richard Carr has also started to campaign in earnest.

The campaign manager has worked hard in all the various towns interviewing contestants and trying to line up workers for the campaign. Various people have been talked with and encouraged to take an active part in the campaign, competing for either one of the five cash prizes or a liberal cash commission of 20 per cent on all subscription money turned in. These prospective workers have been entered as candidates for a share of the more than \$600 in cash offered and while many of them will not be heard from there still remains a lingering hope that some of the many interviewed will come through with subscriptions and ultimately prove themselves good workers.

The campaign manager and the Roanoke Beacon cannot make folks work. However, we have done our part by providing a means of earning money for ambitious persons by offering this large amount of money with a provision in the rules and regulations that allows a cash commission to go to each one who participates and fails to come within the prize-winning class.

Votes Determine Winners
We want to take this opportunity to call to the attention of the various workers and their friends the fact that votes as issued on paid subscriptions win the prizes and not necessarily the amount of money turned in or the number of subscriptions. Each subscription earns votes with the longer term subscription earning more votes in proportion than the shorter term.

As subscription returns are made to the office votes are issued in the form of a reserve vote coupon and these coupons are held by the workers until the close to the contest on March 9th. Sometime during that final day these coupons will be returned to the office to be put in a locked ballot box set up for the purpose. At the close of the contest this box will be turned over to the judges and the final count will start with the winners being announced and the prizes paid immediately following the judge's decision.

What we are trying to get at is the fact that votes win and candidates should work toward the long-term subscriptions. One or two long-term subscriptions may be the means of putting any new worker into the lead and also the means of putting some of the present high-standing contestants still further ahead in the contest.

Shepard Rice Home Today Fire Volunteers Called To

The local fire company was called at 2 o'clock this afternoon when fire threatened the home of Shepard Rice, colored, corner Church and Sycamore Streets. A small hole was burned in the roof, but very little damage was done.