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BELIEVE POTATO CROP IN COUNTY TO BE OFF THIRD

700 Acres Planted To Crop Last Year; About 550 Indicated for 1935

Washington County's 1935 Irish potato crop will be reduced 35 percent or more from the 1934 crop, according to A. L. Alexander, who with H. G. Walker and A. L. Owens, is the foremost potato grower of spuds in this county.

Tabulations revealed that there were 580 acres planted in 1933 but in 1934 this acreage was increased close to 700 acres but now it has been dropped back to about 550 acres for this season and this is the prediction here at planting time with people putting their seed potatoes into the ground daily.

In nearby Tyrrell County there were 2,356 acres planted to the crop back in 1933. It has been reported that farmers in Tyrrell have reduced their crop by 50 percent for 1935, but many think that 35 percent would be the better prediction as the first seems much too large a drop.

The yield in Washington County for the last three years has been 110 bushels per acre in 1931, 154 bushels in 1932 and 139 bushels in 1933. There is no way to determine the weather conditions nor predict the yield for this season. There were 37,530 bushels produced here in 1933, a little over half as many as in 1931.

In 1933 they brought about 65 cents a bushel while in 1934 they dropped to as low as 30 cents a bushel. The value per acre in 1933 was \$90 while in 1934 they went down to as low as \$40 and \$50 an acre in valuation for the spuds.

This crop is not included in the group of basic commodities by the Federal Government and, therefore, there is no parity payments or contracts on them.

BRIEF REVIEW OF CRESWELL NEWS

Meetings Held by Young Farmers, Auxiliary and Episcopal Vestry

"Summer and Winter Pastures" was the subject of a talk by Gordon Chesson at the last meeting of the Young Tar Heel Farmers Club in Creswell. Whitford Swain provided the jokes for the occasion. Special music was featured by Robert Woodley, Thomas Davis, and LeRoy Phelps.

Mrs. A. S. Holmes made an interesting report on the money made at a bridge party on February 14 at a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary at Christ Episcopal church, which met at the home of Mrs. T. C. Holmes. "Orientals in America" was the topic.

Plans for a banquet to be held on March 4 were made at a meeting here of the vestry of Christ Episcopal church. The meeting was held with Rev. H. W. Harding, rector. Attending were J. W. Starr, C. A. Swain, H. G. Walker, Sidney Smithson, Clyde Smithson and the rector.

Legion Membership Here Is Increasing

At their regular meeting Friday night, February 22, James E. Jethro Post, No. 164, of the American Legion, received two new members, bringing the total membership up to about 50 in good standing.

At each meeting for the past few weeks there have been one or two new members enrolled.

There has been quite an increase in attendance in the past few weeks, showing that members are taking an active interest in the work of the post.

At the meeting Friday night, the gold-plated buttons were given to the members who gave an order for them two weeks ago.

Owing to an increase in attendance, M. W. Spruill was instructed to order another dozen chairs, also plans have been made whereby the post can purchase more equipment and furniture for the hall.

Local Juniors At District Meeting

About 14 members of Plymouth Rock Council, No. 213, Jr. O. U. A. M., attended the district meeting held in Williamston Thursday night, February 21.

After supper was served in the lodge hall those attending went to the gymnasium, where about 30 candidates were initiated into the order.

They're in the Money!

From the workers listed below will be chosen the winners of the Roanoke Beacon's \$600 in cash, which is divided up into five prizes. Winners will be determined by the number of votes earned, and these votes may be had only through paid subscriptions. The contest will close at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon with the awards following about one hour after.

Miss Callie Davenport	Creswell
Mr. J. Richard Carr	Plymouth
Mrs. S. F. Darden	Plymouth, Route 1
Mrs. R. E. Dunning	Plymouth
Miss Margaret Hooker	Plymouth
Mrs. H. M. Peele	Roper
Miss Esther Knowles	Roper
Miss Winona T. Gardner	Plymouth
Miss Elizabeth Vail	Plymouth, Route 1
Mr. Cleary L. Pritchett	Creswell
Mr. Hersey Wilson	Plymouth

THE ABOVE IS NOT THE ACTUAL ORDER OF STANDINGS

CHARGES MADE AGAINST REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR GIBBS IN PETITION DRAWN UP BY CITIZENS OF BERTIE

Prominent Pastor To Spend Summer With Father Here

Rev. Timothy M. Bowen, of Augusta, Ga., Is Here On Visit

Rev. Timothy M. Bowen, a leading minister in the Christian denomination and for nearly six years pastor of the First Christian church in Augusta, Ga., is at home on the Long Acre road with his father, Henry Bowen. The distinguished minister who is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, and who holds degrees from the University of Georgia, will "farm" this summer. He will help his father till the soil, as he did in his youth. But it will be for the summer only.

It is the intention of the minister to enroll in Yale University in the fall semester where he will major in theology and kindred subjects. He is with his parents here to rest and to prepare himself physically for entrance in the higher institutions of learning.

The minister was very successful in his ministerial endeavors, as the church, the pastorate of which he has just resigned, was one of the largest in his denomination with the enrollment number close to a thousand.

Rev. N. A. Taylor, pastor of the local church, and Mayor Gilbert Davis, also a minister of the same denomination, will urge Mr. Bowen to preach for them some and they hope that he will not hold too rigidly to his intention to rest and will appear before local congregations.

Play To Be Given at Cherry Friday Night

Cherry.—A comedy-drama in four acts will be presented in the Cherry school auditorium Friday evening, March 1, at 8 o'clock. This play, "Happy Valley," is a heart-grIPPING tale with plenty of laughs to offset the tears.

You will fall in love with Polly, the girl who made a mistake; Pete is a typical East Side boy; Jim Camp is the crooked one. You will be in sympathy with Charlie Burt, the boy who was sorry. Rose and Harry Steele are the devoted brother and sister. Malinda, the "cranky" old maid aunt, and Sara, the contrived hired girl, furnish the laughs.

The play is given under the auspices of the Cherry parent-teacher association. A small admission will be charged.

Is Disturbed by Man Talking To Himself

The mumbled tones of a monologue came faintly to the ears of Mayor Gilbert Davis last Sunday night. It sounded like a conversation was taking place between two men on the street.

His investigation, after he had been disturbed for quite a while, revealed that Bruce Rice, young white man, was standing at his front door talking. He told Mr. Davis he was only looking for a relative.

It was found that he was a cook on the shanty cars here of the Norfolk Southern. His relatives lived here some time ago. Mr. Davis says he shambled off down the street when he inquired what he wanted. It was said he was drinking.

Farm Supervisor For A. L. Owens

John Alford, of Wiggins Cross Roads, near Tarboro, has moved on the Bateman farm in the Long Ridge section, near Plymouth. He will be superintendent of certain portions of the farm and agricultural interests of A. L. Owens, who owns much land in this section.

Mr. Alford will take care of the implements and supervise the workmen who are employed on land not operated by tenants. Mr. Owens is well pleased with Mr. Alford, who comes well recommended by his former employers.

Edenton Folks Are Interested in Bridge To Link Up County

Propose \$950,000 Structure To Be Financed by Federal PWA

Visions of a bridge across the Albemarle Sound connecting Washington and Chowan Counties, costing upwards of \$950,000, has been caught by a group of Edenton folks, who will join local people in trying to secure this span. This would be a PWA project for the Federal government.

The Edenton group wish that the span be built from Sandy Point in Chowan County to Leonadr's Point in Washington County. This is a distance of 3.4 miles. It would be three miles from highway number 64 on the south side of the sound and four miles from U. S. Highway Number 17 on the north side.

The southern end of the bridge would be 19 miles from Plymouth, while the northern end of the span would be 23 miles from Columbia. Now Columbia is 90 miles from Edenton, and over the bridge it would be 28 miles. This exceeds the use of the Edenton-Mackays ferry in totaling the distance between the points.

Mayor E. W. Spires, of Edenton, has sent to Capus Waynick, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, a letter with data on this proposal. Interested parties in Washington County are endeavoring to get a bridge through Plymouth or near by to connect with the north side of the Sound. But they are working with interest the efforts of the Edentonians and will probably render such aid as they can.

Electric Signal Is Being Installed at Lucas Crossing

Automatic Signal Expected To Reduce Number of Accidents Here

A crew of workmen resumed work on the crossing signal at the Lucas crossing Monday morning.

The signal will have eight lights, four on each side of the track, operated by batteries contained in a concrete base near the tracks. The lights will begin to flash as a connection in the rails is made by the train at a distance of 1,320 feet from the highway and continue to flash until the train has cleared the crossing.

The signal will not be put into operation for a few weeks, due to delay in arrival of some of the material needed for the insulation of the rail joints.

May Buy Tickets At Either Station

Tickets can be purchased and the train boarded now at the old Atlantic Coast Line Station here on Water Street, it was announced today by J. B. Edmundson, agent. However, those wishing can still catch the train at the union station before it leaves. No matter at which station the tickets are purchased the price will be the same.

This affords the people in the downtown area an opportunity to board the train without a trip to the union station. In other words, service is available at both stations.

Open Season on All Game Closed 20th

Huntmen may clean up the old gun and put it away, as the hunting season is closed, according to Miller Warren, game warden of Washington County. The season was out on animals and birds on February 20. Trappers must obey the laws prohibiting the taking of animals or birds now also.

However, sportsmen of the field and stream may now turn their efforts to fishing. Licenses can be obtained for fishing, says Mr. Warren.

PLEASANT GROVE

Mrs. L. D. Collins, accompanied by Mrs. Bill Liverman, of Columbia, spent the week-end in Norfolk.

W. B. Chesson and daughter, Frances Chesson, drove to Henderson on Thursday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Chesson's aunt, Miss Addie Rice.

Nathan Everett, of Windsor, was the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Everett.

Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton, and daughter, Virginia, and Mrs. N. T. Herrington left Tuesday for Norfolk, where they will spend several days.

Last Week's Work Best So Far In Prize Contest of Beacon

"Lucky" Joe Jackson Not Bothered by Mishaps to Several Other Joe Jacksons

Former Plymouth Man Now in Revenue Service Has Been Reported Shot, Bitten by Rattler, and Run Down by Car, But It Is Always Another

"Too bad about Joe Jackson's death. Just when we learned to like him. He hasn't been here but a short time. But in this business you never can tell who is next. Such is life."

Comrades of Joe Jackson in Plymouth were in Greenwood, S. C., bewailing his misfortune as he was reported shot by a mountaineer down in the hills of North Carolina while investigating the prohibition condition under the orders of the Federal Revenue Tax Bureau.

Joe turned up next day and it was learned that it was not Joe W. Jackson, of Plymouth, but Joe Jackson, of another section that was killed. Later it was reported that a poisonous snake had bitten Joe Jackson

and his comrades thought that he had been taken to the hospital with death threatening, but it was found that this was E. Joe Jackson when the local Joe turned up next day.

Down in Charlotte a member of this organization was run down by an automobile in the hands of a reckless driver. "Too be sure he got it this time," said comrades when the item was chronicled that Joe Jackson was injured.

But Lucky Joe of Plymouth turned up again and the boys were dumbfounded to learn that this was R. Joe Jackson who was injured by the car driver.

The local lucky Joe Jackson was in Plymouth this week. He will probably return to his work as Federal investigator some time soon.

Total of 792 Cases of Measles Reported in County To March 1

415 Cases Are Reported Since Early in Past Month

There has been a total of 792 cases of measles reported in Washington County to date. Early in February a total of 377 cases had been reported to Dr. T. L. Bray, health officer, but prior to the first of March, 415 additional had been reported, making the total 792.

It was learned that in the family of Thomas Gaylord, colored, 10 children were in bed with the disease at the same time. It is understood that he had more children than these but the exact number could not be ascertained.

A child of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson in Plymouth was taken with the measles. Then the mother was seized by the disease and gave birth to a boy that was born with the measles. Latest reports are that the three are recovering.

Former Resident Is Here on Visit

Bob Hendron came to town Thursday to visit friends.

Bob is known in business circles as R. L. Hendron and is employed with the Southern Pine Association. He was visiting lumbermen here in regard to the code and its operation in this industry and met many old friends here whom he knew while here as a boy.

Not in 42 years had he been here. Frequently he had passed through on the train, but he never before last Thursday stopped to see or talk to the people that he knew while he was employed here with the old Roanoke Lumber Company.

For hours he and a friend, P. W. Brinkley, talked over old times recalling tragedies, humorous incidents, and acquaintances of other days.

Limb From Cork Tree on Display

A limb from a cork tree that was grown in Washington County is in the display window of Blount and Davenport's hardware store here. It was grown on the farm now owned by John Halsey in the Skinnerville section near J. C. Swain's place.

The tree was blown down during a severe storm. Edison Davenport brought the limb of the tree in to be exhibited to passers by. It is rather unusual for a cork tree to be found in this section.

Marriage Licenses Issued by Register

Edgar Oliver Hopewell and Annie Bell Mizelle, of Jamesville, were married at the parsonage by Rev. N. A. Taylor, pastor of the Christian church, Monday afternoon.

Licenses to wed was also issued to James L. Jarvis, Ransomville, and Mary Etta Pegram, by Mrs. Mary O. Sawyer, register of deeds.

Race Grows Warmer With Lead Changing Often During Week

Actual Winners of \$600 Still In Doubt With Only Week To Go

Looking over the records for the past four weeks of the subscription and prize campaign now in progress the campaign manager for the Roanoke Beacon finds that the results obtained by the various workers enrolled were the best by far this past week than for any other week of the contest. This is encouraging, indeed.

During the early stages of the drive it looked for a time as though the winners were going to have it mighty easy. It looked like the winner of the paper's leading award of \$300 was going to take over that big prize on March 9th without much effort in the way of securing renewals and new subscriptions. The four other winners were going to do likewise. But now all this is changed. Those who seemed for a time to be running far ahead have taken on competition.

Workers Out To Win

Here's the names of the workers who have a splendid opportunity to win the leading awards. Just what they will win depends solely on their efforts during the closing two weeks of the contest, which includes the results obtained this week and next week, the final week of the contest.

To begin with Miss Callie Davenport, of Creswell, had her best week this past one. This worker turned in more subscriptions than the three previous weeks of the campaign. The same may be said of Miss Elizabeth Vail, of route 1, who not only turned in a good report but sent in a five-year subscription, which counted 5,000 extra votes in addition to what the schedule provides for such an order.

One of the biggest surprises of the whole week, however, was the work accomplished by J. Richard Carr, of Plymouth. Mr. Carr, by his fine work in signing up new and renewal subscriptions to The Beacon finds his name right up among the leaders for the big prize of \$300. Other prizes include \$150 for second place, \$75 for third, \$50 for fourth, and \$25 for fifth and last. Non-winners of courses are paid a commission of 20 cents on every dollar turned in. In this way no one taking an active part will lose by their efforts.

Other workers who had a big week were Mrs. S. F. Darden and Miss Winona T. Gardner. A good week's work was nothing new in the case of Mrs. Darden, for every one of her weeks has been good. The only weak spot in her campaign seems to be the lack of anything over a one-year subscription. Long-term subscriptions count heavily in votes, and, as stated several times before, votes win the prizes and not the number of subscriptions or the amount of subscription money turned in. Miss Gardner, on the other hand, has had one bad week, but has partly made up for this by three or four two-year subscriptions and one for three years.

The contestants at Roper are still to be considered strong contenders for the leading awards and are represented by two good campaigners in the persons of Miss H. M. Peele and Miss Esther Knowles. A lot of things may happen during the last few days of the contest. What the winners need are votes, and the only way to secure votes is through paid subscriptions to the Beacon.

Two candidates right here in Plymouth, Mrs. R. E. Dunning and Miss Margaret Hooker, could win almost any prize on the list that they set out to win during these closing days. The high candidate has not any great amount of votes when the large number of votes given on three-year subscriptions are taken into consideration.

5,000 Extra Votes

The first period of the contest, in which the maximum number of votes given on subscriptions were issued, is now a thing of the past. That period closed last Saturday. Candidates are now working in what is called the second period of the contest, and this period will close with the end of the contest on March 9th, just one week from this Saturday.

Before the close of the contest comes another decrease in the vote value of subscriptions. This takes place in accordance with the voting schedule as published on the front cover of each subscription receipt book on Wednesday, March 6th, just three days from the contest close. After this date the 5,000 votes given on every \$20 will be discontinued.

One other way to earn a large number of votes is by securing a large number of subscriptions.

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