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## ORGANIZATION IS SET UP HERE FOR BETTER HOUSING

### Edward S. Blount Named County Chairman For F. H. A. Program

Building activities gained impetus here last week with the visit of J. H. (Jack) McMullan, of Edenton, field representative of the Federal Housing Administration, who succeeded in setting up an organization that is to promote the building industry in this section.

Edward S. (Teddy) Blount was named chairman for Washington county with vice chairmen as follows: J. E. Davenport, Mackey; J. E. Phelps, Roper; J. W. Starr, Creswell. An executive committee was named as follows: E. H. Liverman, A. L. Alexander, E. J. Spruill, E. G. Arps, J. O. Everett and Walter H. Paramore.

Others present at the organization meeting included: Frank L. Brinkley, J. B. McNair, W. R. Gaylord, P. H. Darden, W. M. Darden, P. W. Brown, D. J. Brinkley, M. W. Spruill, George W. Hardison, Z. V. Norman and P. W. Brinkley.

Through this organization money can be borrowed to build, repair, refinance mortgages or to purchase a home at 80 per cent of their appraised values. In order to borrow a person must have an income five times the amount of the monthly payments on the sum needed.

Canvassers will be placed in the county to record the needs of homes and such kindred information. Small towns and villages as small as the pleasant Grove section is allowed in this organization proposals. The Federal government guarantees up to 80 per cent of the loans and up to 20 per cent on the loans.

Loan seekers are not confined to local institutions as there are insurance companies who are specializing in loans on such arrangements. However, it is preferable that a local financial institution should loan the money. As many as 10 years or more can be used for repayment of the loan on a monthly basis at five per cent.

A full time secretary will be paid by the FERA to attend to those matters while a group of appraisers will be paid for the time they are at work. Method of appointment of the secretary has not been settled. Mr. McMullan is expected here again in a short time.

## MANY, TOO MANY!

Too many droughts—too many rains, Too many doctors to ease our pains, Too many "don'ts" do this or that, Too many shoes to match our hat; Too many creams to smear our face, Too many hairs to keep in place, Too many whiskers on our chin, Too many vices — too much gin; Too many people on relief, Too many opinions beyond belief; Too many bureaus—too many plans, Too many buses and moving vans; Too many bales and too much wheat, Too many factories and too much meat; Too many colleges to turn out brains, Too many debts—too many swains; Too many hours in the working day, Too many codes in the NRA; Too many papers—too many books, Too many thugs—too many crooks; Too many bills we have to pay, Too many places to go away; Too many cars—too many woes, Too many runs in our new silk hose, Too many sins we must confess, Will we ever get out of this awful mess?

—E. A. Freeman in the Boston Herald

## Planning To Attend Credit Group Meet

Creswell — J. W. Starr, of Creswell, vice president of the Washington Production Credit Association with headquarters in Washington, is planning to attend the meeting of officials of the credit associations in this section which will be held in New Bern June 13 and 14.

The officials will make a study of manual operations of the associations and arrange for the collection season and discuss matters of mutual interest.

## Screen Operetta at Theatre Monday

Not of praise to Victor Herbert's "Naughty Marietta" which plays at the New Theatre on Monday and Tuesday: "A perfection of cinema light opera. . . Nelson Eddy a brilliant barytone. . . masculine, engaging and good looking. . . as charming as a screen operetta ever is likely to be. . . such love songs not heard since "One Night of Love."—Richard Watts, Jr., in N. Y. Herald-Tribune.

## Prominent Speakers for Mother's Day Program Here Friday Night 8 O'clock

Dr. H. Lee Large, former health officer of Rocky Mount, and Dr. John Cotton Taylor, staff member of Taylor Hospital at Washington, will be the principal speakers at the special "Mother's Day" program that will be held in the Legion Hall here Friday night, May 24, at 8 p.m. sponsored by the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion.

The subject of Dr. Large will be "Making Motherhood Safe for Mothers" and Dr. Taylor will explain "What Constitutes Adequate Care for Mothers." Dr. T. L. Bray, local physician, will introduce Dr. Large while Dr. C. McGowan, commander of the legion post, will introduce Dr. Taylor

and will also preside. Speeches will be made by Dr. W. T. Gibson, of Roper, and others interested in the topic. Also there will be speakers on the program from the Junior and Senior Woman's Club and the Legion Auxiliary. Invocation will be by Rev. K. R. Duvall, pastor of the local Methodist Church. Selections will be rendered entitled "Mother MacCree" and "Silver Threads Among the Gold" by a quartet. "No speech will be over 30 minutes in length. Everybody interested in the above subject is urgently requested to attend. There will be nothing to embarrass the most fastidious," said Dr. McGowan.

## BETTER TIMES

Washington.—Sharp improvement of financial conditions in the cotton country was reflected recently in figures prepared by the Federal Reserve Board.

The story was told in increases of bank deposits, internal revenue collections, new life insurance sold and bank debits and in district decline of commercial failures and bank closures.

The deposits in Federal licensed banks in the 10 principal cotton states—Texas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Georgia, Arkansas, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, Louisiana, and Tennessee—were placed by the board at \$2,969,989,000 for 1934—over half a billion above the \$2,319,880,000 deposited the year previous.

North Carolina June 30, 1933, bank deposits were \$181,844,000, and on June 30, 1934, estimated the bank deposits were \$240,193,000.

## Mission Societies To Hold Zone Meeting

The Plymouth zone meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church in Creswell Tuesday morning, May 28, 10 o'clock.

Mrs. L. L. Gibbs, of Columbia, will preside with Mrs. W. H. McClees, of Columbia, serving as secretary. Mrs. Lennie P. Jackson, of Creswell, is president and Mrs. H. A. Norman, secretary.

The Plymouth zone includes societies at Windsor, Williamston, Plymouth, Holly Springs, Roper, Columbia and Creswell. Mrs. Jackson urges the women and pastors of Methodist Churches to attend.

## C. H. Rabon Resigns Position at Creswell

Creswell — C. H. Rabon, head of the vocational agriculture class in the Creswell High School since its origin several years ago has tendered his resignation to become effective July 1. He will resume his farm teaching in the Western part of the State.

"I want the people of the Creswell community to know that I have and do now appreciate the cooperation and kindness shown me during my five years here. My work here has been with boys and I am sure it will be hard to find boys more cooperative, honest and respectful," states Mr. Rabon.

## Bargain Matinees At New Theatre

Shep Brinkley, manager of the New Theatre announces the beginning of Regular Summer — Wednesday Bargain Matinees. Between the hours of 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. everyone will be admitted for ten cents. Patrons are urged to be on hand EARLY to get desired seats. The best in attractions are booked for the special Wednesday showings. Make your plans now and be on hand at 3:15 p.m. SHARP.

## W. J. Jackson Gets Free Sack of Flour

W. J. Jackson was awarded the big sack of flour at the American Legion Indoor Circus here last Friday night when he guessed the exact weight 291 pounds. Mrs. Nancy Spruill was given a 24 pound bag for guessing 291 pounds and nine ounces while Mrs. G. K. Harris was arded a 98 pound bag for her guess of 291 pounds and seven ounces.

This was the largest bag of Light White Flour in the world and was given away by H. E. Harrison Wholesale Co.

## HOPE TO SECURE BASEBALL HERE DURING SUMMER

### Enough Local Talent Can Be Secured To Make Up Pretty Good Team

Fans here today were urging old time leaders here to again arrange for some kind of baseball in Plymouth this season.

Local talent was urged as a preventive of excess expense. Not so bad are the Plymouth home town boys when it is remembered that one of the best hurlers in the club last season is here now, Sneeze Burnham. Also Mr. Frazer, formerly leading hurler in the Eastern League with Norfolk, is here. Last season he was an umpire in the Alabama League.

Then again there is the old veteran, a warhorse of many campaigns in this neck of the woods, P. W. Brown, now chief of police of Plymouth. Burl Gurganus, high school star twirler, can be secured. Eddie Getsinger could hold down first base. Jack Brown would be fair at second. Gurganus could care for short or third base.

In fact there are a large group from which could be recruited outfielders including Bill Clagon, Miller Warren, and the Mayo brothers, and others from the old National Handle Company team and Ralph Davenport and his brother. In fact about all that is needed is some one to spot the club.

Uniforms and some equipment have been left over from last season, and this team could handle clubs from small towns including Roper, Creswell, Columbia and other sandlot teams. E. J. Spruill, county auditor, could also whip himself into shape and be a valuable man.

## Fire Destroys Home Here Monday Night; Damage About \$800

### Firemen Prevent Spread of Flames To Adjacent Property

Nothing is left today but a hull of the former home of David Cobb, Fourth street, which was destroyed by fire Monday night doing a damage estimated at \$800.

Edison Towse returning from a trip at midnight noticed the kitchen at the rear of the house blazing and he notified the occupants. Immediately, bells of the New Chapel Baptist Church nearby began to toll thus arousing many and shortly the city fire alarm was sounded.

Firemen arrived in time to prevent the spread of the conflagration. Furniture in the front part of the home was saved. There had been no fire in the kitchen since 2 o'clock in the afternoon and occupants are at a loss to determine the origin of the blaze.

## Use Good Seed For Sweet Potato Crop

The sweet potato grower who wishes to plant his entire crop from the first pulling of plants or sprouts from the seed bed, should bed from eight to ten bushels for each acre to be set. If two or three successive pullings are used, five to six bushels will produce enough plants to set one acre.

"However, only the best of seed should be used," says E. B. Morrow, extension horticulturist at State College. "Select medium-sized potatoes that are free from blemishes and disease. The Porto Rico No. 1 is well adapted to North Carolina conditions and certified seed of this variety are now available. It is well to bed the wanted for field setting. If the crop seed seven weeks before plants are to be grown from vine cuttings, bed the seed seven weeks before danger from frost is over. This will get early sprouts from which to grow the vines."

Mr. Morrow advises covering the seed bed with either cloth or glass. Some growers in the Tidewater section bed their potatoes in the field and cut vines directly from the row beds.

It is generally advisable to treat the seed with a mercury solution before bedding. This will kill all disease spores on the surface, but if the rots have penetrated the tissue, no treatment is effective. The mercury solution is prepared by dissolving four ounces of bichloride of mercury into 32 gallons of warm water. The water should be about 100 degrees F. in temperature. The seed sweets are soaked in this solution for 15 minutes.

Dirty potatoes should be washed before treatment. The seed may be bedded immediately following treatment but not covered until they are dry. The mercury solution should be used the day it is prepared as it deteriorates rapidly. It is also a deadly poison if taken internally.

## Chamber Commerce Banquet Next Week

A banquet will be held by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, May 29, it was decided by the chamber of commerce in session here Wednesday night. It was decided to have this celebration sometime ago but was postponed.

Each will pay for their own plate. There will be visitors from nearby towns present. A good speaker will be secured.

Farmers cooperating in the TVA program in the 15 counties of western Carolina are using the triple superphosphate on demonstration plots this spring.

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## Home and Club News

By Miss Eugenia Patterson

### Schedule for Next Week

Tuesday afternoon, May 28th, Cross Road Club; Wednesday afternoon, Cool Spring; Thursday afternoon, Piney Grove; Friday afternoon, Lake Farm.

Saturday morning Curb Market, 8:15

### Camp Plans

All 4-H club girls are urged to let the home agent know immediately, if they are planning to attend Camp Leach, June 3 through June 7. It is very important that the agent know, in order to make plans for transportation. This is a joint Camp with Beaufort and Martin counties. Everything points toward a successful Camp.

## Supply of Roughage Lessens Dairy Costs and Aids Production

### Three Tons of Silage and About Ton of Legume Hay for Each Cow

An adequate supply of good roughage is recommended for decreasing the cost of feeding dairy cows and increasing their milk and cream production.

Cows fed liberally on roughage such as lespedeza, alfalfa, clover or soybean silage will give a good milk flow with only a limited amount of grain in their ration, says John Arcey, extension dairyman at State College.

To insure a sufficient supply of roughage for the summer and winter, dairymen should plan to produce enough hay and silage to give each animal all it needs, Arcey adds. About 1 1/2 ton of legume hay and three tons of silage should be provided for each average-size cow during the winter. Or if no silage is available, the amount of legume hay should be increased to 2 1/2 tons, Arcey says.

A combination of silage and hay is preferable to hay alone, he continues, since silage furnishes a succulent ration which is needed in winter. Also, a large quantity of silage can be produced on a small acreage. One acre of good corn or sorghum will supply enough silage to feed three cows six months.

The trench silo is so inexpensive and valuable that no farmer owning as many as four mature cows can afford to be without one, Arcey points out. With such a silo, the farmer can store away an abundant supply of silage for the winter with comparatively little expense.

Plans for constructing trench silos may be obtained without charge from county agents

## H. H. McLean To Succeed Norman As Head of Schools

## Natural Wines May Be Sold at Retail Anywhere in State Without Permit

Wines made by natural fermentation of juices may be sold in any retail establishment of the state under the measure passed by both branches of the general assembly.

The bill prescribes no specific limit to the alcoholic content, but the wines must be made natural.

Restaurants, hotels or other eating places may sell wine with meals, but the beverage purchased in any other establishment is not for consumption on the premises.

Under an amendment passed by the legislature, manufacture cannot be prohibited by the board of commissioners in any county, but they have the right to prevent sale.

There is no cost for a state permit to manufacture or sell the wines, but the beverage is subject to the 3 per cent sales tax when sold retail. The producers may sell the wine at retail, unless they are prohibited from doing so by the county commissioners.

The department of agriculture will be charged with the administration of the act and control of the industry. It will issue permits to producers, and will disseminate information relative to production of crops, the manufacture of natural wines, and of fruit ciders, which were permitted under an amendment to the measure before it passed both branches of the assembly. The department also will set up rules for control.

## CHANGE IS MADE LAST MONDAY AT BOARD MEETING

### New Man Has Held Same Job in Beaufort County For 17 Years

H. H. McLean, of Washington, for upwards of 17 years superintendent of public instruction in Beaufort County, was named to succeed James W. Norman, for 30 years connected with the educational work in Washington county, as superintendent of schools in Washington county, by the board of education here Monday.

Mr. Norman was eliminated from consideration in the first ballot while C. N. Davenport, Jr., received no second to his nominee, C. H. Aderholdt, of Creswell, who had served as principal of the Creswell High School for several years but who was not re-elected this year by the former committee but who is expected to be offered a place by the new local committee of Creswell.

Each of the three members of the board of education favored a different to be unanimous. Mr. McLean will Mr. McLean was the only candidate for the job that could land a majority in his favor and his election turned out to be unanimous. Mr. McLean will take his place on July 1, 1935.

L. E. Hassell was named chairman with P. H. Darden the other board member. Local committeemen are: Plymouth; E. F. Still, J. R. Campbell and Dr. C. McGowan; Roper, R. C. Peacock, J. A. Chesson and R. H. Chesson; Creswell, I. S. Carter and J. B. Hathaway with a third to be named later.

A fund will be included in the new budget to allow an agricultural teacher in the schools at Roper, Plymouth and Creswell.

## Convention Sunday St. Delight's Church

Roper — The Lees Mills Township Sunday School Convention will meet at St. Delight's Church Sunday, May 26, at 2:30. Mrs. Mattie Swain will lead the devotional.

F. D. Wilson will speak on "The Need of the Missionary Spirit in the Sunday School while Mrs. W. A. Blount will tell of "Some Ways of Introducing the Missionary Spirit into the Sunday School."

All Sunday schools are urged to be represented to give a report and a five-minute program.

## FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS, Farm Agent

Final payments have been made on all but two 1934 corn and hog contracts. One hundred and eight new contracts have been signed for 1935. Low hog prices caused reduction on most farms automatically. Many farmers would have signed this year but they were producing less than enough hogs to consume surplus or waste feeds. Those who do not have reduction contracts and who have a surplus of corn or other suitable feeds should raise all the pigs necessary to consume these feeds. Hog prices look good for the fall and spring markets. At present prices hogs will pay for a fish meal supplement and then pay \$1.25 per bushel for the corn eaten. That is not a bad price for corn.

The measuring of all crops grown under reduction agreements will begin by the first of June or possibly a week earlier. The producer will be required to furnish one helper for the Supervisor or measurer of these crops.

Cotton growers with more than one contract this year will be required to plant the allotted acreage to the particular farm. An acre too much on one farm will not be offset by leaving off an acre on another farm, however, this is permitted with both peanuts and tobacco.

Cotton growers who have 1934 ginning certificates on hand are advised to bring these to the County Office for exchange on 1935 certificates. These old certificates can not be used in 1935. Do this early — at once.

Some few growers have not brought in sales slips for peanuts. No payments will be made on these contracts unless these are in evidence.

Begin dusting for bean beetles before very many are in evidence and no trouble will be had in keeping them in hand. The cheapest thing is pure magnesium arsenate.

## FERA CANNERY

A representative from headquarters in Raleigh is expected in Plymouth any time to complete arrangements for the FERA cannery which will be located in Plymouth to can excess vegetables and fruits grown in Washington, Martin, Tyrell, Bertie and Beaufort counties.

The Washington County Commissioners will contribute \$600 and locate the building on county property while the Town of Plymouth will invest \$300 in the building that will cost \$900. The FERA will equip the plant. Should the operations cease and the equipment remain in the plant, then the town and county would share equally in the equipment while the building would become the property of the county.

## Can Grow Pigs for Home Consumption

### Farmer Can Not Produce Meat for Sale Under Recent Ruling

Farmers who have signed adjustment contracts to limit their corn production, but who have not been raising hogs, will be allowed to raise one litter of pigs this year for home consumption, according to a new ruling just recently announced.

To encourage the production of more hogs for home use, a number of other modifications have also been made in the corn-hog contracts, said W. W. Shay, of State College, who has charge of the corn-hog program in this State.

Further details about the new rulings may be obtained from local county agents, Shay pointed out.

## New Druggist at Liverman's Store

O. D. McBane, of Burlington, has arrived here and entered upon his duties as a registered druggist with H. A. Liverman's Drug Store. He succeeds Jimmy Baker who has a business connection in Durham.

Mr. McBane with his wife and two children are living in an apartment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jones on Washington street.

## Aid Society Meeting

Cherry — The Ladies Aid Society of Phillips Christian Church met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. P. M. Spruill with 17 members present. Rev. Roy Respass held the Devotional.

The hostess served a sweet course, assisted by Miss Evelyn Spruill. The June meeting will be with Mrs. Clyde Spruill.

## Parasite Causes Chickens To Pull Out Their Feathers

The practice of chickens picking out their feathers is most often caused by a tiny parasite called the depluming mite and can be controlled by dipping the birds in a sulphur-soap solution made by mixing two ounces of flowers of sulphur and six ounces of flaked soap to five gallons of tepid water. Hold the wings over the back and submerge the birds feet first until only the head is out of the solution. With the free hand, ruffle the feathers to insure penetration. The head should be dunked two or three times during the operation. Dip the birds early in the day so as to allow them to become thoroughly dry before going to roost.

## Cotton Production Should Be Governed By Grade and Staple

### Little Demand at Home or Abroad for Short Staple Varieties of Cotton

The type of cotton grown in North Carolina should be governed by the requirements of local mills, advises P. H. Kime, seed specialist at State College.

"Every year, our mills use more than twice as much cotton as is grown in the State," he says, "and they have shown a willingness to buy North Carolina cotton when they can secure the quality and staple length desired in large, even-running lots."

The staple lengths greatest in demand range from 15-16 to 1 1/16 of an inch. Fortunately, Kime points out, the highest yielding and best varieties of cotton for North Carolina produce these staple lengths.

There is little demand at home or abroad for shorter staple lengths, he adds, and growers who produce such cotton are finding the most difficulty in marketing their crop.

"It is encouraging to note that North Carolina growers are turning more and more to the long staple varieties," he says, "but there is still a great need for more of the longer staples."

The variety of cotton best suited to the soils of each grower's farm should be the kind for him to plant, Kime said. Recommendations may be obtained from local county agents or from the State College agricultural extension service at Raleigh.

Tests made at the branch station near Statesville have shown that the following varieties produce staple lengths as listed below:

Mexican number 58-14, 1 1/16 inch; Mexican number 128, 1 1/16 inch; Coker Cleveland number 884-4, 1 1/16 inch; Coker Cleveland number 5-5, 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 inch; Carolina Foster number 5, 1 5/32 inch; Coker Foster number 6, 1 1/8 inch; Farm Relief, 1 1/16 to 1 3/32 inch; Humco Cleveland number 20-3, 31-32 to 1 inch.

## Miss Brinn Gets Job In Washington, D. C.

Miss Elizabeth Brinn, of Creswell, near here has been appointed as a junior operator with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, in Washington, D. C.

She was assisted in securing a job by W. E. McDonald, secretary to senator Robert R. Reynolds, who aided her on a recommendation from Atty. E. L. Owens, of Plymouth.

## Bible Class To Have Ice Cream Supper

An ice cream supper will be given Friday evening, May 24, at the log cabin by the Ladies Bible class of the Methodist Church. Everyone is urged to attend and help the ladies along in their efforts to raise money for the church.

## Mrs. A. E. Walston's Funeral Wednesday

Funeral services were held in Scotland Neck Wednesday for Mrs. A. E. Walston, 59, who died at her home Tuesday. She had only one child, Mrs. Leland S. Thompson, of Plymouth, who with her father survive. Rev. W. E. Goode, Baptist minister, officiated.