

WATER SUPPLY IS NO WORSE HERE THAN IN 10 YEARS

Chemist To Attend Meet for Discussion Local Water Supply

"Water conditions are no more grave now than they have been in 10 years," said Mayor Gilbert Davis, "however those who are afraid to use it should take every precaution that they wish. As for myself I still use the city system with no boiling or chemicals added."

"It is true that the State Board of Health has informed me that the water is a menace to the health of the citizens. However, the water shows no worse elements than were true in April which was one of the worst analysis in ten years."

"By informing me as mayor of Plymouth the conditions of the water, the State has placed the responsibility of the city health menace on my shoulders and I am expecting Mr. Trice, of the chemistry department of State Health, to attend a meeting of the City Council which will be held July 1, and citizens are urged to attend the meeting and hear this matter discussed."

Annual Field Day at Wenona Postponed Account of Paralysis

May Be Held At Later Date Director Says; All Field Days Called Off

Postponement of the annual field day that was to be held at the Blackland Test Farm, at Wenona, Washington County, was announced today by J. L. Rea, jr., assistant director in charge of the farm, who has been notified by F. E. Miller, State College, Raleigh, director in charge of all the state experiment stations.

This action was taken on account of the prevalence of contagious diseases that make it dangerous for people to assemble in public places. The most dread of the spreading diseases is infantile paralysis. None of the July test farms will have their annual field days on time.

"It might be that the exercises scheduled for July can be held at a later date during the summer. It is customary to hold an annual picnic and field day exercise at Wenona, and it is possible that it will be held later," said Mr. Rea.

Licenses Are Ready for Machine Owners

Mrs. Mary O. Sawyer, register of deeds of Washington County, is mailing out notices to threshing machine operators. The new state law requires each machine to be licensed and to make acreage and bushel reports for each crop and farm threshed.

"Those expecting to operate, even if for their own farm only, should see me promptly and get a record book, as well as a 1935 license card, as the law is specific in this matter, and it must be obeyed," said Mrs. Sawyer.

Water Bills Must Be Paid at Town Office

"Other pressing duties in connection with the office as clerk of the Town of Plymouth prevents me from making a canvass for collections from water consumers," it was announced today by Clerk M. W. Spruill.

"It will be impossible for me to see any one whose water bill has not been paid. Payments must be brought or mailed to the clerk's office. No discounts will be allowed after the tenth of the month after issuance of the statement," said Mr. Spruill.

"All remittances must be brought to the clerk's office," he said.

July or August Best Time For Cultivating Alfalfa

Cultivation of alfalfa is often of very little value except under certain conditions. When the stand is thin and crab grass comes in late in the summer, the crop may be cultivated during July or August. This will destroy much of the grass. If any cultivation is done it should be made immediately after a cutting. A spring tooth alfalfa harrow is the best implement for this work. In no case should a disc harrow be used as it splits the crown and renders the plants more susceptible to diseases and freezing.

Locust Expected To Appear in Great Number In Western Carolina This Year

The song of 17-year locusts will drone through wooded areas in northwestern North Carolina this summer. Grubs which have been living under the ground since 1918 will crawl up onto trees this year to shed their skins and emerge as winged insects.

The locusts will appear in wood lots by the million; the males, filling the air with their steady droning. However, the insects do very little damage, says Dr. Z. P. Metcalf, head of the entomology department at State College.

Occasionally they do injure young fruit trees which have been set out in new ground by laying eggs in the twigs. This can be prevented by covering the trees with mosquito netting or tobacco cloth, Dr. Metcalf points out.

The locust infestation this year will occur in Alleghany, Surry, Wilkes, and Yadkin Counties, the mountains of West Virginia and Southwestern Virginia, he adds.

Since the department of entomology is dependent upon local observers in the affected areas for information regarding the locusts, Dr. Metcalf has requested that interested persons send him information about the insects.

Specimens of the locusts will also be appreciated, he stated. Specimens may be mailed in pasteboard boxes to the Entomology Department, State College, Raleigh, N. C.

Locusts will be found most numerous in rich woodlands which have not been cut or burned over recently, he said, but will also occur in other places. They should not be confused with grasshoppers or July flies.

Home and Club News

By Miss Eugenia Patterson

Schedule for Next Week

Tuesday afternoon, July 2, Cross Roads.
Wednesday, July 3, Cool Springs.
Thursday, Piney Grove.
Friday, Lake Farm.
Saturday morning, curb market, at 8:15.

Notices of Postponements

The annual 4-H Short Course has been postponed indefinitely on account of the paralysis epidemic. Information will be given from time to time through the papers concerning the date for it.

The farm and home week or "Women's Short Course," will be held either the last week in August or first week in September. The State Health officials think it is advisable to do so.

Ice Cream Supper

On last Thursday evening the Chapel Hill Home Demonstration Club gave an old-time ice cream supper for the benefit of the club. The ladies met Thursday afternoon at the Chapel Schoolhouse and made the cream. After expenses were paid the club had between \$5 and \$6 clear profit.

In addition to the eats, the women put on a stunt program and played some games. Messrs. Ludford McNair and Gilmer Ayers took a trip to Hollywood and back in the same night, Mr. Gilmer Ayers making the quickest trip, and was awarded a ladies' hand bag.

Two cakes were raffled, one for the ugliest woman and the other for the ugliest man. Mr. George Bowen ran the votes up for his wife, and Mrs. Bowen got the cake, while Mr. "Doc" Latham won the cake for the men.

Garden Tour

The annual home demonstration garden tour will be held Friday afternoon beginning at 1 o'clock. Everybody will come to the courthouse and will be there promptly at 1 o'clock. Many carloads are expected. All garden leaders and club members from each club. We are anxious to see if there will be any "slackers" clubs that will not be represented. Don't miss the tour. It is a splendid opportunity to see your county. How many know it? Everybody has a cordial invitation to join the home demonstration clubs of the county on the tour.

Alba Club Meet Postponed

The Alba Home Demonstration Club, which was scheduled to meet Friday evening, June 27, will be postponed until a later date, which will be announced next week. This postponement is due to the annual garden tour and other community activities, which will be held Friday afternoon and evening.

Church Convention At Stokes Saturday

Fear of the spread of infantile paralysis has resulted in the reduction of the usual two-days session of the Roanoke District Convention of the Disciples of Christ which will be held at Stokes Christian church in Pitt County to one day, Saturday, June 29. All business will be transacted on the one day designated. This is to avoid the danger of contagion of diseases of the large Sunday crowds of all ages. Delegates who cannot attend on Saturday are urged to send their contributions and reports to W. O. Ellis, secretary and treasurer at Washington, N. C., at once.

"Every one knows that there will be much less danger of the spread of the disease, with only adults in a not greatly crowded house, than would be in a throng of all ages, like attend the usual Sunday convention dinners," wrote Mr. Ellis to Mayor Gilbert Davis, also a minister in this group.

Marriage Licenses Issued to 3 Couples

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following in Washington County by Mrs. Mary O. Sawyer, register of deeds: Ernest L. Davis, Roper; Annie Elizabeth Garrett, Roper; Roscoe Heath, Greenville; to Abbie Mae Porter, Chicod; W. C. Harrison, 65, Plymouth; to Lillie Young, 45, Plymouth.

J. Tom McNair Has Unique Record as Justice of the Peace

Three Decisions in Four Cases Upheld by State Supreme Court

Not many magistrates have their decisions upheld three out of four times by the North Carolina Supreme Court like J. Tom McNair, of Plymouth, dean of justices of the peace in Washington County, has.

Four cases went up to the august justice body over a period of 25 years in settling the disputes and effecting compromises in minor controversies among his neighbors. And Mr. McNair looks with pride on his decisions in comparison with the findings of the highest tribunal.

"My efforts as a trial justice has been always to effect a compromise where possible. Most small lawsuits are brought through misunderstanding. Out of the 1,200 or more cases I have tried at least 80 percent of them have been satisfactory to both plaintiff and defendant.

"Numbers of cases have been appealed to Washington County Superior Court from my jurisdiction but my records show that close to 70 percent of the decisions in these cases have ruled with me," said Magistrate McNair.

"I have made it a rule in my official duty not to know any one, nor to show them any special favor whether black or white, but to make in the matter as near as my judgment will enable me a fair and righteous decision using my knowledge of the law and common sense," he continued.

In 1910 Mr. McNair married a couple and then in 1934 he married the daughter of the same couple. Numbers of times he has met young men and women who tell him that he married their parents. Among the 100 or more couples he has married are some of the best people in this section.

By appointment and election on the Democratic ticket he has served 25 years in this capacity. His present term expires in 1938.

"The small amount of compensation that I receive for my services is not worth the time and effort it requires," said Mr. McNair.

Eve Witness Tells of Lee's Surrender To General U. S. Grant

Charles Norton, 95 Years Old, Says General Did Not Hand Grant Sword

Historians agree that General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General U. S. Grant, but the method of his surrender has been explained in diverse ways.

So this leaves Charles Horton, 95, colored, a n opportunity to express his own views of the matter. More than that, historians have had access to records and probably have had their interpretations handed down through traditions and maybe written oracles.

But Charles Horton, of Long Ridge section Washington County, should be heard because he has not only read of the account and heard traditions of the surrender by the great general, but this old man was an eye witness to the incident and he has related it hundreds of times and although nearing the century mark he can do it again.

"Makes me spitting mad when they say that General Lee handed his sword to General Grant at Appomattox Courthouse because this was not true. General Grant sent word to General Lee to surrender his sword and for his followers to lay down their arms. This was not done.

"General Lee sent the message back that he would not surrender his weapons but would stack his arms like men of war."

"Course Charles Horton was there. Right beside Capt. H. G. Lewis, of Tyrrell County, whose body servant he was, stood the now graying old darkey. Numbers of times he had slipped through Yankee lines to deliver messages from officers to General Lee.

It was Charles Horton who dragged Edward Brabble, of the 32nd North Carolina regiment, from the battlefield amid the blazing of guns and canon at Spottsylvania courthouse. General Brabble was an uncle of former Representative Z. V. Norman and J. W. Norman, superintendent of Washington County schools. The injuries resulted in the death of Colonel Brabble who was from Tyrrell County.

History has it that Grant and Lee met in a residence near Appomattox Courthouse to arrange terms of surrender. After the two great commanders had shaken hands and taken their seats, they spent a few minutes in general conversation. Lee then asked for terms of surrender. Grant replied that the army should lay down arms and not take them up again during the war.

Heer is where the good friend Charles Horton intersperses his theory based on the last sentence in the above paragraph. He avers with "red heated intensity" that he was nearby with his master, a staff member, when Lee refused to lay down his arms but would stack them like warriors and leave them for the enemy.

After this the terms were quickly written and signed by Lee, no mention being made of the surrender of side arms or private property belonging to the Confederates. Grant, realizing that the Confederates would need their horses, "to put in a crop to carry them through the winter" instructed his officers "to let every man of the Confederate army who claimed to own a horse or mule to take his animal home."

This bears out the assertions that "Lee and his soldiers stacked their arms and left them as there was no request made for the sword of Lee by Grant." Food was also given to Lee's men who had been living on parched corn.

Charles Horton agrees that the parting scene between General Lee and his army was pathetic beyond description. As Lee appeared among his men (with Charles Horton attending with uncovered and bowed head beside his master) every hat was raised, and the bronzed faces of the thousands of grim warriors were bathed with tears.

As he roed slowly along the lines, hundreds of his devoted veterans pressed around the noble chief, trying to take his hands, touch his person, or even lay a hand upon his horse. The General then, with head bare and tears flowing freely down his manly cheeks, bade adieu to the army. In a few words he told the brave men who had been so true in arms to return to their homes and become worthy citizens.

Sound thrashings had been repeatedly inflicted on Charles Horton when he was young for mischief by his masters. But nothing impressed the aged man as the treatment he received by the Southern soldiers and officers in the War Between the States, and the parting scene enacted at Appomattox.

Charles Horton is a Southern Negro. He was born in the South,

To Attend Meeting Boiler Inspectors

Representative Harry Stell, of Washington County, will go to Raleigh Tuesday to attend a meeting of the North Carolina Board of Boiler Rules, which will be held to organize and arrange a system of regulations for the control of stationary boilers in this state.

Mr. Stell was appointed to a three-year membership on this board of four members, with his term expiring June 18, 1938. Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, who made the appointment, stated that Mr. Stell was to represent the operating steam engines with in the state.

Mr. Stell is well versed in this phase of machinery, as for years he was a pilot on boats plying in this section.

Conduct Life Saving Class at Rea's Beach on Albemarle Sound

Swimming and life saving classes will be organized at Rea's Beach on the Albemarle Sound near here by Luther Warren (Warner) Gurkin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Gurkin, who is back from Brevard where he attended the American Red Cross Aquatic Safety school.

He was in this school under the supervision of competent instructors who worked with the youths for ten days. He was representing the Washington-Tyrrell Counties' chapter of the national Red Cross organization. This swimming and safety instruction was free to Warner who will teach it to local boys and girls at the beach free of cost.

The course was 15 hours in length and let to certification by the Red Cross with the privilege to wear the insignia of the Red Cross Life Saving corps. Perfect swimming, strokes approaches, breaks, holds, carrier and such life saving technique was taught young Gurkin.

No Paralysis Cases Reported in County

No case of infantile paralysis has been reported in Washington County as yet, according to Dr. T. L. Bray, health officer, who is keeping a vigilant eye on the spread of the dangerous disease in eastern counties of the state.

There are two cases in Martin County and some in Beaufort. So far none has been reported in Tyrrell. There are cases across the Albemarle Sound. Hemmed in like Washington County is, Dr. Bray hopes that as much caution as possible be taken to prevent its catching hold in this county.

In many places a ban has been put on assembling of people. Nothing has been done as yet in this county except the fact that the Grace Episcopal Sunday school has been suspended on account of the fear of this and other contagious diseases that are prevalent among children.

C. L. Bailey Named Commission Head

Senator Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth has been named chairman of the nine-member commission to study, consider, and present a plan for the revision and simplification of the laws relating to the descent and distribution of property of intestates, wills and related subjects.

Mr. Bailey was named to head the group of nine that will do this work by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus. The duty of this committee will be to arrange for the clarification or revision of the laws on property left by people who died without having made a valid will.

In addition to enjoying the amusements and listening to the informing speeches, Mr. Davis had an opportunity to view some display of new and modern jewelry that were on exhibition by wholesalers.

Movement of Farmers' Peanuts Still Light and Market Continues Weak

The movement of farmers' stock peanuts continues light on the markets of this section and prices remain weak with none of the mills trying to buy. Prices quoted on the market at Suffolk are from four cents down when nuts are offered.

The mills are only operating part time, and some are said to have shaded prices on shelled goods as an inducement to the trade to buy. This, of course, makes the trade more reluctant about buying, as they feel prices will go still lower as soon as the cleaners start shading prices. Information from some sources indicates that the trade is probably running low on peanuts and are only buying from hand to mouth hoping to be able to buy cheaper in the future. With no demand, any heavy offerings of farmers stock would immediately break the market still lower, therefore there is nothing for holders to do but wait. There is been nothing doing in peanuts for the past three months and it certainly appears that something should develop in the near future.

Rea's Beach Plans Big Celebration for Fourth of July

For the first time in years a Fourth of July celebration is being contemplated and arranged for the people of this section at Rea's Beach on the Albemarle Sound.

There will be dancing afternoon and night with J. E. Aiken and his orchestra providing the music. A floor show has been arranged. Efforts are being made to have a very interesting program climaxing at night with fireworks and dancing.

Begin to make your arrangements now to spend a day on the historic Albemarle Sound, where the entire family can enjoy themselves. A good program is being arranged," said L. W. Gurkin. Clarence Kelly is in charge.

To Report for Duty at Highway School

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D. G. Davis Attends Meeting of Jewelers

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Lodge Entertaining Members Tuesday

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Mr. Darden urges those who are intending to attend to inform him at once so that he can ascertain the number for which to prepare.

LAST RITES FOR WILLIAM E. ARPS ARE HELD HERE

Died Friday Night in Rocky Mount Hospital After Brief Illness

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for William Everett (Bill) Arps, 23, who died Friday night in a Rocky Mount hospital as the result of septicemia caused by an infected tonsil.

Rev. N. A. Taylor, of the Christian church, officiated. Services were held at the home of the young man's mother, Mrs. Biney Arps. Interment was in the Grace Episcopal Church Cemetery. Nearly 100 designs were included in the floral offering.

The young man was a junior druggist clerk in the store owned and operated by his brother, Percy M. Arps. He was widely known in Eastern Carolina social circles and many young people from nearby towns attended the last rites for him. It was said that more people attended than have been present at any funeral held here in about eight years.

Surviving are four brothers. Besides his mother, he leaves four brothers, Messrs. P. M., Joe and E. G. Arps, all of Plymouth, and Harry Arps, of Norfolk, all pharmacists, and three sisters, Mrs. A. J. Riddle, Mrs. S. D. Davis and Miss Ethel Arps, all of Plymouth.

Active pall bearers were Attorney S. A. Ward, jr., Jack Brown, Frank Bateman, Lloyd Owens, Attorney W. R. Gaylord and Harry Gurkin. There were about thirty honorary pall bearers.

PLANS FOR CLUB SHORT COURSE ARE CANCELED

The spread of infantile paralysis in North Carolina has led to indefinite postponement of the 4-H short course which was scheduled to be held at State College the latter part of July.

The State Board of Health has announced that the danger period will not be over until after August, at which time it will be too late to hold the short course this year.

Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, who announced postponement of the course, also sent word to all the county farm and home agents of the State urging them to cancel all 4-H club encampments or meetings which have been scheduled for this summer.

Should there be a decided improvement in the paralysis situation, the dean added, it would probably be all right for the club boys and girls to gather in local meetings.

Farm and Home Week, which had been scheduled for the week of July 29 through August 2, will probably be held the last week in August or early in September, the dean added. Attendance will be limited to persons over 18 years of age.

This week is an annual assemblage of farm men and women from over the State to enjoy a week's outing at the college while learning about the latest developments in agriculture and home economics.

Late in the summer it is believed that the paralysis epidemic will not be serious enough to affect adults attending the convention.

Spray Cantaloupes To Control Blight

Spraying Bordeaux mixture on cantaloupes will control the downy mildew blight, says E. B. Morrow, extension horticulturist at State College.

Unless the affected plants are sprayed, he adds, they will lose much of their foliage before the picking season is over, and as a result produce inferior or "slick" melons.

The Bordeaux mixture, which is also recommended for other leaf blights, should be sprayed on with enough force to cover the entire plant with a film of the solution. One application in the latter part of June should be enough for this season.

Bordeaux may be mixed at home with four pounds of copper sulphate, four pounds of high grade plaster's finishing lime or chemically hydrated lime, and one-half pound of soap or Casein spreader to each 50 gallons of water.

The first car of cured sweet potatoes shipped to eastern markets this spring from Catawba County gave rise to an immediate order for another car.

NO HALF HOLIDAY

Due to the fact that the Fourth of July will come next day following Wednesday, the business houses and stores in Plymouth will not be closed for the usual half holiday on Wednesday, July 3rd.

Instead of closing on Wednesday afternoon, July 3, the business houses and stores will be closed all day Thursday, July 4. However, after this one Wednesday, the stores will return to their usual half day holidays on Wednesday afternoons.

The Beacon will be published one day earlier next week, coming out on Wednesday instead of Thursday. Correspondents and advertisers are asked to bear this in mind.

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