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YARD TOUR HELD BY COUNTY CLUB MEMBERS FRIDAY

Three Ladies Tie for First Place; Rain Interrupts Trip Friday

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Home Demonstration Agent

Each year the county council of the Home Demonstration Clubs of Washington County offers a free trip to the annual state farm and home week to the yard leader doing the most improvement in her yard and surroundings. This is a contest that is always warm and filled with friendly rivalry among the club yard leaders, and the prizes are much sought after.

This year, the leaders, all new in their "leadership game," started out with family cooperation and hard work. Each leader at first looked around her to find what she had at hand to use and started out with hearts brave and courage high to use to the best advantage what they had before them. Of course, some have been more successful than others, but all have done well, and some exceedingly well. Some have had hindrances but the effort has been put forth with splendid results.

This year the council was very fortunate again in securing Miss Pauline Smith, our district agent and home beautification specialist, as our yard scorer. Friday morning, about 10 o'clock, the judging trip was started at the courthouse.

The first stop was made at Mrs. J. A. Stillman's. Here we found a "made over" yard that would be a credit to any one, and a grand reward for one's labors. Mr. and Mrs. Stillman had replaced their "skating rink" (when it rained) by a spacious lawn of green grass. Between 200 and 300 cart loads of soil had been hauled in for a bed in which the grass might grow. Many beautiful shrubs had been placed around the foundation of the house to frame it and fill in angles and steps made to enter the yard from the highway. The best is saved for last.

The rain began slowly to gently fall on the lawns as we visited, and none in the county could have been more beautiful than the green unbroken, well-kept lawn of Mrs. Wheelwright. Here, who is the yard leader for Hoke. Mrs. Ange's soil being more sandy than the others, and some dry weather, lost some of her shrubs, but she had done credit to her club and community as a leader.

From there we went to see the yard of Mrs. Hilda Robertson, Chapel Hill yard leader. Here, as we drove in, we were greeted by a profusion of summer flowers in every color. We found an outdoor living room just waiting for us, with beautiful new furniture. They had just done so much that a separate story will be run on their improvements. Here again we found a partner for Mr. J. A. Stillman, for Mr. Charlie Robertson has been one of those cooperating husbands.

On we traveled to see what Miss Velma Sitterton had done with her yard and those of the Swain Club. It would take such a long time to tell what she has done that a special article will be run on her improvements, too. Her home now is a contrasting picture of what it was last year when she began to organize and move things around. Hen's nests, chicken coops, stumps, shrubs, ferns, and trees were moved. Screen plantings and backgrounds were made, as well as foundation plantings. Now she has a distinct public and private area in her surroundings, and a beautiful outdoor living room for her family to enjoy. Again we found family cooperation the reason; not a husband, but brother, father, mother and sister. Just watch the paper for the story of her yard.

The next yard to be visited was Mrs. D. B. Chesson's, leader for the Cross Roads Club. Mrs. Chesson's yard is one that had been started a couple years back, and she had a better show of lawn grass than the others. The whole yard showed much thought and care in planning and organization of shrubs and plantings.

About this time, we were reminded that it was lunch time. So we all went to Mrs. W. B. Davenport's back yard. Here we stopped to enjoy our bountiful lunch, which was prepared by Mesdames W. H. Harrison, C. W. Spruill and Charlie Robertson. Mrs. A. E. Davenport, assisted by supply tea and accessories, with Mrs. W. B. Davenport as hostess.

The rain caught us, but after a hard shower we ventured on to see Mrs. N. G. Chesson's home. Here we found a beautiful color scheme of pink and lavender in a profusion of summer flowers. Many shrubs had been set out and much grass sowed on the banks of the yard. Mrs. Chesson has done credit to her club and self in the hard work and results show

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Pathetic Story Told In Abandonment of Baby by Its Mother

Baby Was Left at Home of Chairman of Wake County Board

A pathetic story of a mother who deserted her child, and the mother, who, in turn, was deserted by her family, was learned here today from H. H. McLean, superintendent of public welfare of Washington County.

A short time ago a lady from near here was taken to Duke hospital in Durham suffering from a "tumor" in the stomach. Six months later a premature baby girl, who was saved by an incubator in the hospital, was delivered to the mother.

An infant girl named Joyce Angelica Gray was found by a neighbor on the porch of John P. Swain, chairman of the Wake County Board of Commissioners in Raleigh Monday, with a note giving her name and directions for her feeding. Raleigh officials noted the Duke identification marks on the garments and began to trace the mother.

A policewoman brought the baby to a woman in Washington County, who said it was her child. Mr. McLean asked that the name of the mother be withheld to aid in securing the adoption of the child. The woman is over 40 years of age and is a widow with two children in an orphanage. Her husband has been dead for some time.

When the family of the mother found out the facts she was forced from their home and became a case for the welfare organization of the county.

Fate of Old Brinkley Hotel Property Here Not Yet Determined

May Turn Top Floors Into Apartment or Continue To Run Hotel

What will be the fate of the old Brinkley Hotel here is uncertain today with the new owner, Dr. L. W. White, of Suffolk, brother-in-law of W. R. Hampton, halted between two opinions; one is to continue it as a hotel and the second to turn it into apartments.

Housing facilities are limited here at the present. And another hotel is doing good business and this inclines the doctor to convert the second and third floors into modern apartments. But if a good lessee could be secured, then it is possible that a modern and up-to-date hostelry would be the result.

This hotel property is on the corner of Washington and Water streets on the busiest streets in town. It was sold at auction in April for \$11,000 and taxes, totaling close to \$13,000. It was built 30 years ago by the late D. O. Brinkley. It is one of the landmarks of Plymouth.

Haywood Craddock Died Late Sunday

Creswell.—Funeral services for Haywood Craddock, 77, well known and well liked farmer of the Creswell section of Washington County, were held at the Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist church Monday afternoon by Rev. T. F. Davenport.

Mr. Craddock died late Sunday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Weston Spruill, with whom he was living. Infirmitudes of age and complicated diseases caused his death.

Pall-bearers were D. E. Spruill, A. W. Furlough, L. W. Bateman, Winton Oliver, Joe Wynn, and Robert Clifton. Surviving are two daughters, Mesdames Felton Biggs and Weston Spruill; two sons, Walter and Iva Craddock, all residents of Creswell section.

To Hold Exam for Substitute Carrier

Application blanks can be secured from Postmaster George W. Harrison by those who are eligible to take the civil service examination for appointment as substitute clerk-village carrier of the Plymouth office. The applications must be on file in the office of the Manager of the Fourth Civil Service District at Washington, D. C., by August 3, 1935.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States, and between the ages of 18 to 45, be at least 5 feet 4 inches tall, weigh 125 pounds, good health, no alcoholic habit or drug habit, free from chronic disease and a parton of the local post office.

REYNOLDS HOPES SOCIAL SECURITY ACT IS MADE LAW

State Legislature Failed To Provide for Assisting In Program

"I strongly advocate an extreme ly desirous of seeing enacted into law, before the adjournment of the 74th Congress, the Social Security Bill, which provides for the payment of pensions to the aged," wrote United States Senator Robert R. Reynolds to the Beacon this week.

"I sincerely hope that Congress will provide at this session some ray of hope for our old citizens in the form of the most liberal allowance that the state or our treasury will permit. At least, I hope that we shall be able to make a start toward taking care of our elderly and eventually eliminate forever the monument to misery, the poorhouse."

The state legislature in the spring failed to enact any law in regard to the matter largely because they were awaiting action of the national body. But if there should be a special session called by the governor, after the United States Congress acts, then something would be done about it in this state at that time.

It is generally conceded among those who are familiar with the progress of the social security movement that the Federal government would likely appropriate a certain amount with the states being required to allot a similar amount for the aged needy.

From observation and from information gleaned from many sources, it appears likely that the Federal government will undertake to contribute \$15 monthly with the state augmenting this by \$15, making \$30 monthly to those who are eligible to receive these contributions.

However, as the status is now, nothing is definite and what may be said by any one or predictions made by any one can only be classed as conjecture.

Arrest Minister for Failure To Observe Health Board Rule

Health authorities here today began to enforce a ruling they made last Saturday banning the attendance of children at theatres, beaches, Sunday schools, or any public gatherings and prohibiting protracted meetings by any denomination until September in an effort to keep infantile paralysis from Washington County.

A warrant has been issued for Rev. and Mrs. Jesse McCloud, Pentecostal Holiness evangelists of Roper, who are conducting a revival in a tent near Creswell. It was reported that the minister closed his meeting last Sunday night after being visited by Sheriff J. K. Reid, but after ascertaining that shows would be allowed to continue he went back to his preaching.

The couple will be arraigned in recorder's court next Tuesday. The warrant has been issued but had not been served Thursday morning, but it was expected that they would be haled into court. However, it is thought that a trial will not be necessary when the ministers are approached about the matter again.

Negro Struck by Train Will Live

Despite a broken collar bone, four broken ribs, an injured head and abrasions on the body and face, Jim Gee, 60, is expected to survive being struck by the cow-catcher of a moving train, according to Dr. T. L. Bray. Gee was lying alongside the track of the Norfolk Southern Railroad early Tuesday morning when a freight engine cow-catcher struck him. It was reported that he was sleeping in a drunken stupor. The engineer succeeded in stopping the train before he was crushed beneath the locomotive.

Surveys Made of PWA Projects Here

A representative of William C. Olsen, of Raleigh, engineering firm, is here today making a survey of the town ditch, with the view of tiling and also a survey of the proposed extension of the water system to make the water flow in a circuit about the town with no dead ends.

It is proposed by the town to borrow money from the PWA or WPA, getting 45 per cent of it as a grant and securing the remainder on a long term loan that is to be paid for thru revenue produced by the water supply. Revenue-producing bonds will be issued.

Local People Did Not Attend Bridge Meet in Edenton

Resolutions Passed Do Not Represent People of This Section

"The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce wishes it to be understood that the advocates of the Roanoke River Bridge at Plymouth were not present and did not participate at the meeting in Edenton Friday, July 26, which purports to have expressed the sentiment from this section that the location of a crossing (to connect the north and south sides of Albemarle Sound) be left to the State Highway Commission," said Zeb Vance Norman, president of the commercial organization in a prepared statement to the press.

"There are three crossing proposed; one at Plymouth, which crosses Roanoke River at the west end of the Albemarle Sound; one near the town of Edenton, which crosses Albemarle Sound; and a third near the town of Columbia, which crosses the sound."

"The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce was the pioneer in arousing interest and agitating highway communication between the north and south sides of the sound, and for many years it has kept this movement alive. Subsequently, the town of Columbia also originated a movement to establish a crossing near Columbia. Later the town of Edenton launched a movement to establish a sound crossing halfway between Plymouth and Columbia."

"The Highway Commission has intimated in recent weeks that they favor the sound crossing near Edenton, but without final decision. Upon this intimation, a meeting was called in Edenton by the Chowan Business Men's Association for the purpose of adopting a resolution leaving the location to the discretion of the highway commission. A very tactful move on the part of Edenton. Advocates of the Roanoke River crossing and Columbia crossing were invited but, sensing the situation, did not attend, and in no way participated in this meeting."

"Therefore, the resolution that has appeared in the press was adopted by the friends of the Edenton crossing, and is in no wise an expression of unanimous sentiment of Washington, Tyrrell, and Hyde counties, who are somewhat isolated and who are about to be deprived of their right to choose their own outlets."

ENLARGED STATE PATROL TO BEGIN WORK THIS WEEK

Forty New Autos And 103 Motorcycles To Be Used By Patrol Shortly

Raleigh.—The enlarged state highway patrol of 121 officers and patrolmen will be put to work patrolling the highways as soon after August 1 as possible, Captain Charles D. Farmer, commander of the patrol, said recently. The training school for new patrolmen will be completed about August 1 and the new men will be sent out just as soon as their new uniforms and equipment arrive. The uniforms for the 64 new patrolmen to be selected from the 100 men in the training school cannot be ordered until these men have been selected. But Captain Farmer indicated that these men would be chosen immediately so that the new uniforms could be ordered as soon as possible.

"With the number of automobile accidents and the number of persons being killed or injured increasing each month, we want to get the enlarged patrol on the highways just as soon as possible," Captain Farmer said. "At first we planned to extend the patrol training school over a period of six weeks. But the new men have made such good progress that it now appears that we can end the school about August 1 and put the new men on the road right away. The only thing that will delay us now is getting the uniforms for the new men."

The 103 new motorcycles have already been delivered and the 40 Ford V-8 roadsters, which will also be used by the patrol, will be delivered this week. So there will be no delay in getting the motor equipment. It may be several weeks yet, however, before the radio equipment is installed on the motorcycles and patrol cars, since the contract for this radio equipment has not been let yet. Tests are now being made of various types of equipment, also to determine the best locations for the four broadcasting stations to be built to direct the patrol. Captain Farmer is confident that there will be a decided drop in the number of automobile accidents, as well as in the number of killed and injured as soon as the enlarged patrol gets on duty.

Wide-Open Sunday Town Is Current Topic Locally

LOCATION OF CCC CAMP IN COUNTY IS BEING SOUGHT

In Meantime Forest Warden Is Organizing for Fire Protection

Efforts are being made to secure the location of a Civilian Conservation Corps camp in Washington County, but nothing definite has been done about it, according to S. F. Darden, forest fire warden, who hopes that this project can be secured.

In the meantime, Mr. Darden is organizing the county for forest fire protection, and with the State bearing a portion of the expense of the maintenance of this work Mr. Darden and his superiors are making rounds of the county, visiting men who are interested and posting citizens on the method of cooperation.

Forest fires should be reported to the people whose names appear below in their respective sections of the county:

Long Acre: J. H. Allen and E. L. Respass; Long Ridge, R. C. Jackson and T. H. Waters; Garretts Island, E. W. Latham; Cross Roads, Roper, to Mackeys, C. W. Blount, Jr.; Mill Pond, B. M. Snell; Backwoods, near Roper, J. W. Swain; Skinnerville on highway number 64, J. B. White; Pea Ridge, Seaton Patrick.

Beasley, W. E. Phelps; Old Plymouth and Columbia road out of Creswell, J. E. Nooney; Backwoods, near Cherry, J. J. Ambrose; Newland road from Cherry, D. E. Davenport; Wenona, H. J. Furbee.

Fires should be reported to the person nearest, and he, in turn, will report it to Mr. Darden, who will organize fire-fighters to extinguish the blazes. Thousands of dollars' worth of timber is expected to be saved annually through this method. And it is hoped to check the seasonal fires that sweep the Wenona section every year.

Late Summer Hints for Home Gardener

Because August usually is a dry month, frequent shallow cultivation is needed in the vegetable garden to destroy weeds and to conserve moisture.

"Where a person can install an irrigation system without too much expense, he has an added advantage in the production of late vegetables and usually the installation can be paid for in one season of dry weather," says Prof. M. E. Gardner, head of the horticultural department at State College.

Many vegetables, such as beans, peppers, and others may be dried for winter use, while good specimens of tomatoes, sweet corn, okra, peppers, cantaloupes, watermelons and other crops may be selected and allowed to thoroughly mature for seed purposes, only seed from healthy, vigorous plants should be saved, Gardner says.

He also advises that the fight against insect pests be continued. Derris dust, containing 75 per cent Rotenone is effective in controlling cabbage insects and has the added advantage of being harmless to humans. Dust as often as necessary to protect the crop, using 15 to 20 pounds of the material per acre. This dust is effective against the Mexican bean beetle.

Prof. Gardner further suggests keeping the local fair in mind and producing some high quality, perfect specimens for exhibit this fall. For instance, he says, a well-planned apple exhibit of high quality, and of clean, well-graded fruit will "steal the show" at most any fair.

Martins Will Play Portsmouth Sunday

An opportunity to look over a Piedmont League team will be given baseball fans in this section Sunday afternoon at 3:30, when the Portsmouth Trunkers meet the Martins at Williamston. The relative merits of class B professional baseball and the brand of semi-pro ball played in the Coastal Plain has been argued by many during the season, and this is the first, and possibly the only game to be played between representatives of the two leagues in the county this year.

M. S. Cox, of Beaufort County, will caponize 175 young cockerels this season as a demonstration in this phase of poultry production.

HEALTH ORDER

Below is a statement issued to the press by Dr. T. L. Bray, who is representing the Washington County Board of Health, in regard to the infantile paralysis situation in Washington County.

"In view of the infantile paralysis situation, the Washington County Board of Health met in session Saturday, July 27, and as a precautionary measure hereby prohibits all children under 15 years of age from attending churches, Sunday schools, theatres, beaches and picnics and all public gatherings. It also prohibits any protracted meetings of any denominations until September.

"Those who violate this order will be prosecuted.

"We are trying to protect your child."

Several Women Are Frightened by Negro In Past Few Weeks

Authorities here are on the alert for a negro who has repeatedly frightened white women by his bold advances on the week-ends over a period of several weeks, making it dangerous for women to walk the streets alone, even in the early part of the night.

Included among those who have been put in fear of their safety by the negro, who prowls deserted residential sections while most of the residents are down town on Saturday evening, are Misses Cottie Mae Price, Louise Smith, Nellie Frances Beasley, Mrs. Roscoe Gaylord, and Miss Ledbetter, chief case worker of the FERA.

The negro usually walks with them or directly behind the women, and on one or more occasions rubbed against them. He has not grabbed at any of his victims, but has submitted them to minor indignities.

The last lady frightened was Miss Louise Smith, who was walking down the street alone to the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. (Dick) Hardison. The negro followed her from a light in the down-town area and came up beside her in a dark spot and told her he was going home with her. She fled for the deserted Hardison home near by, entering the door and remaining until the negro left.

None of the women screamed for help so that people living near by could identify the negro or render them help. Descriptions given by the women appear to be that of the same offender.

With this report and that of peeping toms, negroes who hid in the dark peering into the windows of white women, has called for vigilant efforts of Chief P. W. Brown and Sheriff J. K. Reid and their deputies, who announced today they were out to stop this snooping.

Officials think the culprit is mentally deficient.

A 14-year-old colored boy was arraigned before C. V. W. Ausbon, of the Washington County juvenile court Thursday on charges of frightening young white women by following them at night. He was sentenced to a reform school. The defendant was apprehended by Sheriff J. K. Reid and was identified by Cottie Mae Price.

The name of the boy was withheld on account of juvenile court regulations.

Will Probably Be Taken Up at Meet Council Monday

General Opinion Is That Nothing Will Be Done To Bar Opening

What the City Council will do about a "wide-open Sunday town" is the topic here today.

There is no doubt but that this matter will be brought to the attention of the officials when they convene next Monday night in their August meeting to determine what should be done about this matter.

The consensus of opinion is that nothing should be done and that nothing will be done, as it would be discrimination to close the movies and allow Sunday afternoon baseball games and this body has no control over the beaches and resorts near here.

Even if all of the above should be stopped, then it wouldn't be fair to allow beer places to be open for business. Closing these would necessarily lead to the closing of the fountains and such in drug stores, allowing them to trade only in drugs.

Then there would be some criticism of permitting restaurants to sell candies, drinks, and such in connection with a meal. So it appears that from the standpoint of equal privileges all should remain open.

Non-attendance at the churches in this section in this day is not attributed to increasing wickedness as much as it is to indifference on the part of many, according to observers. However, authorities here are rigid in their protection of the churches by demanding that amusement places be closed during these hours.

Some pleasure seekers do not seek the same amusements. Some like to stroll in the sands of the beaches, while those who have no cars are content to enjoy a good movie, while others choose their sports. And the majority like to ride. So if the bathers, theatre-goers and athletically inclined are to be curbed in their pleasures who can check those liking to ride?

So the old story goes that one should not be permitted his pleasure while the other's pleasure is stifled. So many angles enter into it that the anxious city officials might choose the easiest way out of the dilemma and let each one seek his own pleasure.

Amusements depend much on their Sunday businesses to bring them from the red. While baseball was here, this was the important day. So it is with the movies and with the beaches, and even some stores and stands. During this dull summer season Sundays and holidays are the great days that help them to exist.

With the general indifference here, it is predicted that should everything be closed down tight, it would make little increase in the church and Sunday school attendance, which is suffering now some on account of the infantile paralysis fright.

Some one has pointed out that two wrongs never make a right. Church folk could be expected to object to a "wide-open Sunday" but on the other hand the few who operate and the many who engage in Sunday amusements are also citizens and deserve to be heard in the matter.—W. H. Paramore.

Will Demonstrate Shock-Proof Watch

A demonstration on the shock-proof qualities of a watch will be given by Don G. Davis, jeweler, in front of his store here Saturday afternoon. The watch is of the Gotham make, and watches made by this manufacturer have been dropped from the top of the Monticello Hotel in Norfolk and from an airplane in Richmond without breaking.

The watch is patented in manufacture and is warranted to take jolts, jars, shocks, and never stop working. He is expecting a large crowd to witness the demonstration in front of his store at 3 p. m. Saturday.

Schedule of Club Meets Next Week

The following schedule of club meetings for next week has been announced by Miss Eugenia Patterson, county home demonstration agent:

Monday afternoon, August 5, Plymouth colored club.
Tuesday, Hoke.
Wednesday, Roper.
Thursday, Chapel Hill.
Friday, Beech-Grove.
Curb market Saturday morning.

Lewiston To Play Dardens Saturday

The Lewiston baseball team will play Dardens at Dardens Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Frazier will pitch for Dardens and Perry Morris will do the pitching for Lewiston.