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CLUB WOMEN ARE SHOWING MUCH INTEREST IN FAIR

Busy Selecting Choice Articles for Exhibition Next Week

By Miss Eugenia Patterson (Too Late for Last Week)
The home demonstration club women of Washington County are showing much enthusiasm and interest in the Four-County Fair, to be held in Plymouth October 14-19. They are busy selecting canned products, selecting articles made by themselves, and making articles to put on exhibit. The various clubs are appointing fair committees and they are working.

The county council of the Washington County Home Demonstration Federation is planning to take up three booths in exhibits, also to have a food stand. Several of the clubs have signed up to have a booth. These clubs, as well as the federation, will exhibit three projects taken up in their club work this year. The fair will bring many of the club members to town for shopping and visiting, as well as to help make the fair a success.

With the women of Washington County working with, in and behind anything, it is a sure thing it will go over in a big way, for they don't do things any other way. With all the fine cooperation that will be given by them, with the help of Miss Mary Meisenheimer, the new home agent, the fair promises to be a success, as far as they are concerned. Everybody support it! If it is to be held in our county, we want it to be a "swell" fair, and "swell" it will be if everybody gets lots of community spirit in their veins. Let's make it a fair that we will be proud of, and just because it is ours, we must make it a "big" fair.

Mrs. Reid Serving As Home Economist

Since there is a scarcity of home economics graduates in the state and surrounding communities, it was found necessary to draft Mrs. S. Sabrie Reid, wife of Sheriff J. K. Reid, back into the field temporarily to fill the position as home economist for Washington, Tyrrell, and Martin Counties.

Miss Mollie Mitchell, who was slated for this territory, had already accepted a position as teacher in one of the Raleigh city schools and could not come. Then it was time for the work to begin, and Mrs. Reid kindly consented to fill the place for the present. It is with hesitation that she does, but she is willing to help out in the emergency.

It is necessary for one taking this position to be a graduate in home economics with a degree from an accredited college, and at present there is a scarcity of these women. There are plenty who are desirous of the work but can't meet the requirements.

Municipal Offices Being Remodeled

The offices of M. W. Spruill, city clerk, are being remodeled and improved. The partitions that divided the office into two compartments have been removed, turning the front part of the building into one large office, giving Mr. Spruill much more needed room, also making a meeting room large enough for the city council.

The office has been painted white on the ceiling and sidewalls, with mahogany woodwork and walnut floors. As the old steam-heating system was too expensive to operate, it has been removed and flues built and coal stoves installed in both the city office and fire department. The work was done under the supervision of Mr. Spruill and Chief of Police P. W. Brown.

Legion Auxiliary To Meet Friday

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. C. W. Weeks at her home on Friday afternoon, October 11, at 3 o'clock. Eligible women who wish to join the auxiliary are invited to come to this meeting.

Attempting To Place Demented Woman In State Institution

Young Woman of Cherry Section Said To Be in Pitiable State

Investigations are underway of reports that have reached authorities that a young demented woman is languishing in a squalid room devoid of furniture in the Cherry section of Washington County.

Confined more than a year ago by a widowed mother when a disordered brain made her unruly, the young woman has wasted away until she is so weak that she crawls about on her hands and knees from sheer weakness. Reports are that her weak mental condition has resulted in self-abuse.

Welfare officials were apprised of the conditions by Rev. Jesse McCloud, who has visited the home and who was asked by the widowed mother to report the conditions to the county seat here, 40 miles from her home. Recorder J. W. Darden and H. H. McLean, superintendent of public welfare, are working on the case.

The young lady is in her teens, and is said to have enjoyed good health and to have been unusually bright in school until her mind and body were wrecked by a disordered brain about a year ago. Today her form has been dwarfed and her mind twisted until she slouches across the floor of her home in a savage state.

There is no furniture in the room which comprises her prison. Nothing but the bare floor for her bed. She has lived in squalor until an offensive odor emits from her person as well as the ill-kept room. It is very seldom that she leaves the room, as family members guard the entrance.

Officials are making efforts to get her into an institution so that she may be better cared for. Her name and family connections are known by officials, but Mr. McLean is of the opinion that her identity is of no consequence and publication could not be of any help to the family.

Law Enforcement Officers To Meet in Edenton Nov. 8th

Clyde Humphries Will Get Chance With Major League Outfit

Law-enforcing agencies of Washington County, including Sheriff J. K. Reid, Deputy Sheriff W. D. Deal, Chief of Police P. W. Brown, of Plymouth; Chief of Police L. L. Allen, of Roper; Chief of Police Bill Bateman, of Creswell, and all officers are expected to attend a district conference in Edenton Friday, November 8, to discuss mutual problems and lay plans for concerted and continuous effort in crime prevention and highway safety.

This meeting is being sponsored by the law-enforcing officers division of the North Carolina Institute of Government. The morning session will be held for the police, sheriffs and state patrolmen, while in the afternoon judges and solicitors of intermediate courts will join in the meeting.

Topics for discussion include rules of evidence, arrests, search and seizure, investigations, preparation of cases for trial, civil service, politics in law enforcement, uniform laws and uniform enforcement of laws. Crime prevention will be stressed also.

Plymouth Firemen Enjoy Oyster Roast

Plymouth's volunteer firemen enjoyed their first oyster roast at the Log Cabin on Wilson Street.

Meeting at fire headquarters on Water Street at 8 o'clock, the firemen mounted the big truck and rode out to the Log Cabin, where Herman Jackson served a well prepared lunch of roasted oysters, pickles, crackers, and all the other things that make an oyster roast an enjoyable feast.—J. B. McNair, reporter.

Demonstrations of Pig Feeding in Halifax

Indicative of the renewed interest in hog raising on the part of North Carolina farmers is the fact that two feeding demonstrations with 126 pigs have been started in Halifax County.

Home and Club News

By Mary Frances Misener

Schedule for Next Week

Monday afternoon, October 14, Scuppernon Club.
Tuesday, Cherry.
Wednesday, Albemarle.
Thursday, Wenona.
Friday, Mount Tabor.
At 8:30 Saturday morning, curb market. Note the change of time. Miss Lala Watson, of the Hoke Club, again led the sellers in market receipts Saturday morning, selling \$8.30. Total sales \$28.09.

I want to thank the people of Washington County for the kindness shown me thus far in my work. I have never met a group of people more congenial and more cooperative than you are. I have found this is certainly a splendid place to work. I will appreciate your cooperation in all that I try to accomplish.

October 14-19 is fair week. I urge that all club members take part in the fair. This will be a good time to see what the defunct clubs are doing in the different phases of club work.

Club members, don't forget the federation is to have an exhibit of three booths at the Plymouth Fair. I am very anxious to have some good work exhibited. Please all cooperate and bring your best work to make these booths a success. Mrs. W. H. Harrison is chairman of the working committee. We want as many women as can to come Saturday, October 12, to help fix the booths.

A district meeting for home demonstration agents is being held in Elizabeth City October 10, 11 and 12. I will attend these meetings. I have arranged for the clubs to hold their regular meetings while I am away.

Don't forget, club members, October is the month to pay federation dues.

The canning contest, sponsored by the Ball and Kerr jar companies will be held at each local club thru October 18. The local contests will be in charge of the canning leaders in each local club. Those entering this contest be sure and have your canned goods at your next local meeting.

Cutting Scrape Near Creswell Saturday

Continuance of the case of Elwood Davenport and Tom Van Horn was granted in recorder's court here Tuesday.

It was reported that Davenport was on his way home from Creswell to Cherry Saturday night. When he neared the colored church on the entrance to Cherry a group of men, including Van Horn, dragged him from his cart and began to beat him.

In the scramble Davenport drew his knife and slashed Van Horn to such an extent that it took 31 stitches to sew up the wounds. Van Horn was unable to attend court Tuesday. It is expected to be heard next Tuesday.

Revised Schedule For Rev. Ambrose

A revised schedule of appointments at the three churches served by Rev. M. L. Ambrose, of Roper, Christian minister, who starts his second year's work in November, has been announced.

Changes follow: Zion's Chapel, from second to first Sunday; St. Delight, from first to third Sunday; Holly Neck, will continue with the fourth Sunday. He will also serve the Gum Neck Church of Christ the second Sunday in each month. This church is in Tyrrell County.

Principal D. E. Poole, of Roper High School, will fill the pulpit at Zion's Chapel Church Sunday, October 13, while Mr. Ambrose is in a revival at Maple Grove. Every one is cordially invited.

Scuppernon River Is Being Dredged

A dredge is at work near Spruill's bridge, dredging the Scuppernon River deeper and wider. Captain and Mrs. S. M. Douglas, of Pentress, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Waters, of Hickory, who are connected with the dredging operations, are staying at the home of Mrs. Rennie Alexander.

FAIR PRICE FOR PEANUT CROP IS NOW IN PROSPECT

Farmers in Section Have Begun Digging Crop; Quality Good

Peanut digging is now under way in this section, and prospects are that the crop will exceed that of last year in both quality and yield. The nuts dug have been of unusually fine grade, and farmers are expecting good prices.

A peanut diversion program for the 1935 crop is virtually completed and offers are expected to be made soon to contracting producers and to oil millers, providing payments for diverting peanuts into oil, the Agricultural Adjust Administration has announced.

The objective of the program is to establish reasonable prices to growers for the 1935 peanut crop. The method proposed for accomplishing this objective is to remove a portion of the 1935 crop from the normal channels of trade and divert it into manufacture of peanut oil, in this manner so regulating the portion of the crop remaining for the edible trade as to tend to establish prices to growers for No. 1 Farmers' Stock peanuts at approximately the average of prices received by growers for the 1934 crop.

There are two parts to the proposed plan. The first, under which the Secretary of Agriculture would offer specified diversion payments to any miller or contracting peanut grower, would be in effect from October 1 to November 15, 1935. The second would provide for the submission of offers to the Secretary by individual millers and would be in effect from November 16, 1935, to June 30, 1936.

The first part of the plan is summarized as follows:

(1) The Secretary of Agriculture will offer to make specified payments to any oil miller who purchases farmers' stock peanuts and crushes them into oil prior to November 16, 1935, or to the peanut grower who diverts his peanuts into oil.

(2) In order to receive a diversion payment direct the grower is required to obtain from the miller an agreement to crush the peanuts into oil on or before June 30, 1936.

(3) An oil miller is eligible to receive the payments where the peanuts are purchased without any crushing agreement between the miller and the grower.

(4) It is expected that where the grower diverts the peanuts the price he will receive from the miller will be only the oil value of the peanuts.

(5) Where the grower sells the peanuts outright to the miller without any crushing agreement it is contemplated that the miller will pay to the grower at the time of purchase not only the value of the peanuts for oil but also the amount of the payments to be made to the miller.

(6) The rates of the diversion payment will be the same for diversion by millers or by peanut growers.

(7) The rates of payment set forth above will apply with a price of 10 cents per pound for cottonseed oil, with provision for an increase in the rates if the price of cottonseed oil should fall.

(8) The cottonseed oil price which will govern the rate of payment in connection with peanuts diverted by growers and by millers will be the average price of cottonseed oil during the period October 1 to October 31, or November 1 to November 15, depending upon when the peanuts are sold by the grower or purchased by the miller.

(9) If a miller desires to make purchases prior to November 16 under this part of the plan, and to crush the peanuts at a later date, he will make application for an extension of the period for crushing.

Funeral Held Friday For Jas. S. Harrison

Funeral services were held last Friday for James Sylvester Harrison, 82 years of age, who died at the home of his son, Howard Harrison, near here. The services were conducted by Rev. Al Harrison, of Front Royal, Va., a brother of the deceased, assisted by Rev. R. H. Lucas, N. A. Taylor and K. F. Duvall. Interment was made in the Windley cemetery.

Mr. Harrison was one of the county's oldest citizens and had lived here all his life.

He is survived by four daughters and one son, all living in this county, Mesdames Alfred Arnold, Grace Sawyer, Carl McNair, and Monty Yeager, and Howard Harrison.

Four-County Fair to Get Under Way Here Monday

Aged Bodyservant During Civil War Passes Near Here

Chas. Horton, 94, Was Last Confederate Pensioner In This County

The body of Charles Horton, negro, 94, last Confederate pensioner in Washington County, today lies in a lowly new grave on the hillside near here.

He knew General Robert E. Lee, commander of the Confederate forces in the Civil War. In fact, he was with his master, Capt. H. G. Lewis, as bodyservant when Lee surrendered to General U. S. Grant. It was his contention that Lee never delivered his sword to Grant but that the southern leader stacked his arms and left them on the battlefield for the victors.

Death came to him as the result of age this week. He was held in such esteem that at the time of his death many had the impression that he actually fought with the Confederate soldiers, but this the old negro never claimed. He told reporters months before his demise that he was only a bodyservant to his master but had carried special messages to officers.

He was a negro Democrat, which was an unusual combination in the dark days of the Civil War. He was very polite to white people, and as he put it was a "white man's negro." His slave days were spent at hard work, but he was comfortable with plenty of food and clothes.

Baby Contest Now Under Way in Roper

Roper.—A baby contest was begun Monday morning in Roper, with entries of over 20 babies. This contest promises to be a lively one. Much voting has been reported already. The votes cost a penny each. A list of the babies may be secured from Charles Mizelle, who is in charge of the contest.

Proceeds will go towards raising money for the public address sound system, which the Roper band is now buying.

Creswell People Hear Missionary

The following people of Creswell Methodist Episcopal church attended the fourth quarterly conference, which was held at Columbia Sunday night, at which time Rev. J. L. Shaver, a returned missionary from Japan, spoke.

Those attending from here were Mrs. R. T. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Spruill and daughter, Gertrude T. W. Spruill; J. B. Belanga, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Spruill, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Stillman and daughter, Rachel.

Lindsay Warren To Go To Philippines

Representative Lindsay Warren left on October 8 for a visit to the Philippine Islands to attend the inauguration of their first president. Mr. Warren is one of twenty-five members of Congress invited to accompany Vice President Garner and Speaker Byrns to these exercises, and the entire party will be the guests of the Philippine Government which is giving the trip. Mrs. Warren accompanied him, and they will return on December 20th.

During his absence, Mr. Warren stated his office will be in charge of his capable secretary, Herbert C. Bonner, who will answer all communications addressed to him, attend to all department matters, and who will have full authority to act in all things incident to the office.

Sprint Water Supply Less When Woods Are Burned

The burning of woods will not increase the flow of water in springs. On the contrary this practice will decrease the spring flow. Percolation of water in the ground is a slow process and the more woods mold a forest accumulates the more water it can absorb and feed into the springs. Any fire destroys materials for making this woods mold and thereby lessens spring flow.

GET ACQUAINTED

Monday night will be Get-Acquainted Night at the Plymouth Four-County Fair, it was announced today by N. G. Bartlett, who is in charge. Women and children will be admitted free.

Those who are preparing exhibits should bring them Monday morning for entrance.

Local Boy To Go To Training Camp With Phillies Next Spring

Meeting Sponsored by Institute of Government; Program Outlined

Next spring will be the big chance for Clyde Humphries, big left-handed hurler, who is here with relatives, as he is scheduled to go to the training camp of the Philadelphia Phillies.

This year the portside won three games and lost two with Binghampton, N. Y., and won four with only one loss while with Hazleton, Pa. Both clubs are in the New York-Pennsylvania League, a class A organization.

His duties have consisted mostly of relief hurling, and he has figured in 27 games. He was the only left-hander on each of the pitching staffs of the two clubs with which he worked. He was traded by Binghampton to Hazleton during the season for an outfielder named Smith, who broke his leg shortly after joining the New York Club.

Humphries came down to Plymouth to play during the 1934 season and was made manager of the local club. He married a pretty local girl, Miss Florence Gardner, both of whom are here for the winter, where Humphries is employed with a relative.

He was in spring training with the Binghampton Club in Portsmouth this year.

Mrs. Liverman To Attend Conference

Mrs. H. A. Liverman, of Plymouth, chairman of the American Red Cross for Washington and Tyrrell counties, is expected to attend a conference in Windsor Tuesday, October 15. Speakers will include Judge Francis D. Winston, J. H. Matthews, regional chairman; and Maurice Reddy, who will represent the national organization.

Mrs. Liverman will take part in the discussions. Plans for the annual November roll call will be prepared. There will be a showing of the Red Cross film, "The Greatest Mother," which is said to be a masterpiece.

Juniors To Hear Field Secretary

The Junior Order United American Mechanics will have a real treat in store for the members of the council Monday night, October 14, in the presence of E. V. Harris, field secretary, of Tarboro.

Mr. Harris is coming to the council to help organize and get started a degree team; he will also help the council rehearse an initiation.

All members of Plymouth Rock Council No. 213 are urged to be present at the hall promptly at 7:30, as Mr. Harris can only be here one night and as there is much work to be done, please be on time.

Board Selects Firm For County Audit

Greathouse & Butler were named as the next auditors for Washington at the county board meeting Monday. This is a Rocky Mount firm. They contracted the work for \$250, while their predecessors charged \$500 for the job. This was all the county (commissioners did in their meeting Monday except to attend to routine matters.

Elaborate Program Planned for Event Here All Next Week

Kaus United Shows To Be On Midway; Full Line Grandstand Acts

Mr. Caton, of Kinston, arrived here today to complete arrangements for the opening of the Plymouth Four County Fair, which will be held here next week at the old ball park, beginning Monday night, and continuing through Saturday, October 19.

On the midway will be Kaus United Shows, including modern rides and an aggregation of clean shows. There will be a grandstand show with a gorgeous review each night featuring the New York follies, which has 27 people, special scenery and stage band. Music will be featured by Smith's band.

There will be the LaPrades with their sensational aerial acts. Afternoon and night there will be a band concert with the Aerial Blacks performing. Four high divers will be with Captain O. LaValley's troupe. A person will leap from a 90-foot ladder enveloped in flames.

Tuesday will be school children's day, and children from Martin, Tyrrell, Washington and Beaufort Counties will be admitted into the gate free until 5 p. m. It is thought that some of the schools will teach on a short schedule, allowing the children to attend the fair in the afternoon.

Despite the general appearances much interest is being taken in the exhibits that are to characterize the fair. W. V. Hays, of Plymouth, and H. H. Harris, of Columbia, are to have charge of the agricultural displays and have assured the management that they will place exhibits. C. H. Floyd, Roper, and A. H. Tucker, Creswell, with their vocational agriculture students, will have poultry exhibits.

Mrs. Joe Holmes, Creswell, and Mrs. Cleveland Smith, Plymouth, are working hard on exhibits for flowers. Mrs. George Bowen and Mrs. C. L. Everett are arranging for the pantry supplies exhibit. Mrs. J. Stuart Windt, Plymouth, is arranging for a good showing of needle and fancy work.

Mrs. L. S. Brey, Roper, W. F. Winslow and Mrs. Roxie Reese, Plymouth, will have a good exhibit of fine arts and painting. Mesdames H. A. Liverman and R. E. Dunning, Plymouth, and Charlie Davenport, Jamesville, are taking much interest in arranging for the children's exhibits.

With L. W. Anderson, Plymouth, in charge, the educational exhibits are to be good. The management has been advised that there will be displays from Plymouth, Roper, Creswell, Jamesville, and the vocational agriculture classes of these schools will also have exhibits.

The full committee on school work, including Miss Neva Pickett, Plymouth; Miss Gladys Rountrye, Creswell; Mrs. A. J. Holliday, Jamesville; Miss Marie James, Roper; and Miss Ethel Perry, of Plymouth, have been very active preparing exhibits for this department.

Miss Mary Misenerheimer, new home demonstration agent, is working hard along with members of her clubs, to have a good exhibit at the fair. Miss Violet Alexander, county agent of Beaufort, is urging her clubs adjoining Plymouth to enter exhibits.

Mrs. W. B. Chesson, Mackeys, the chairman of the Emergency Relief Education, exhibits committee, promises to have a good display. C. G. Hutchison, Plymouth, government worker on resettlement, is expected to have some exhibits from his line of work.

A popularity contest will be held on Thursday night for the Plymouth merchants, with each one sponsoring a candidate, while on Friday night a similar contest will be held with out-of-town merchants sponsoring a candidate.

Episcopal Program Services Announced

A schedule for services at the Grace Episcopal church in Plymouth has been announced by Rev. Sidney Matthews, of Washington, as follows: Second Sunday morning in Plymouth; third Sunday morning in Roper; third Sunday evening in Plymouth.