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FARM CLASS BOYS SPEND THURSDAY AT CAPITAL CITY

35 Members of Agriculture Class at Roper Have Interesting Trip

Thirty-five members of the vocational agriculture class in the Plymouth High School with their teacher, J. O. Cooper, visited Raleigh last Thursday in a truck owned and driven by Lonnie Askew.

They first visited State College, where they saw an ice cream factory, poultry and dairy farm and the bulletin room. At noon the boys lunched in a cafe. During the day it was raining, hailing, snowing and a brisk wind was blowing.

A visit to the state hospital showed the boys some of the most pitiful people they had seen. They reported the place was well kept. The new part of the hospital, built during the World War, was equipped with every modern convenience.

In the museum the boys saw the largest still ever captured, a reproduction of the McCormick reaper, an old spinning wheel, stuffed wild animals of the state, three large whales, one as long as 55 feet, fish, and samples of all trees and rocks.

The campus of the State Capitol was covered with Italian grey grass upon which played squirrels and pigeons. In the senate and house of representatives there was furniture over 100 years old without a scratch. It was equipped with candleholders. Governor Ehringhaus showed the boys through the mansion and exhibited the silverware, which is 100 years old.

WOMAN'S CLUB BANQUET HELD TUESDAY NIGHT

Amid a graphic setting of green and white, accentuated by beautiful flowers and the luster of blending lights, the Junior Woman's Clubs of Plymouth and Columbia complimented their state division chairman, Mrs. J. Guy Penny, of Garner, in a charming banquet and reception in the club rooms here Tuesday night.

A delicious three-course dinner was served by the Woman's Club of Plymouth on a table that was appointed in the color scheme with green tapers burning in silver holders.

The receiving line consisted of Miss Alma Sanderson, president of the Plymouth club; Mrs. Penny, president of the fifteenth district federation; Miss Mary Nelson, president of the Columbia Junior Club; Mrs. H. A. Liverman, sponsor for the local junior club; Miss Eloise Caravan, secretary of the Columbia club; Miss Charlotte McNair, of Plymouth; Mrs. Louis Perkins, of Columbia; Mrs. W. E. Waters, of Plymouth; Miss Jacquelyn Combs, of Columbia; and Miss Louise Brinkley, of Plymouth.

Misses Mary Duvall and Louise Blount presented nosegays of roses and sweet peas to the guests as they passed from the cloak room to the table. Miss Charlotte McNair returned thanks, while Miss Sanderson welcomed the guests to which Miss Mary Nelson responded. Mrs. B. G. Campbell spoke shortly on "Cooperation," while the principal speaker, Mrs. Penny, used as her subject, "General Federation, Its Advantages and Accomplishments."

Miss Miriam Ausbon sang, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. R. W. Johnston. Invited guests to the banquet were Mrs. R. W. Johnston, Miss Miriam Ausbon, Mrs. H. M. Ramsey, and Mrs. Sarah F. Nurney.

ALBEMARLE HOME CLUB IN MEET WEDNESDAY

Skinnerville. — The Albemarle Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Walter White on Wednesday with seven members and one visitor, Mrs. Corbett Swain, present. Devotions were led by the president, Mrs. S. A. Holton.

Miss Mary Frances Misenheimer gave a demonstration on a bean loaf. Mrs. Corbett Swain was presented a cooking spoon in a contest given by Mrs. Ben Snell, the social leader, and Mrs. Tom White was awarded a dish in a contest given by Miss Misenheimer.

The hostess served grape juice, devil's food cake with gelatine, which was topped with fruit.

CHAPEL HILL HOME CLUB HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

The Chapel Hill Home Demonstration Club held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday at the club house, with Mesdames J. C. Beasley, Edgar Ayers, and Bob Bateman as hostesses.

The regular club program was given, with Mrs. Edna Latham presiding. Games and contests were enjoyed by the members.

The hostesses served delicious fruit ambrosia with whipped cream and cake.

HOME and CLUB

Schedule for Next Week

Monday, 4-H Club, Plymouth High School.
Tuesday, Cross Roads
Wednesday, Cool Springs.
Thursday, Piney Grove.
Friday, Lake Farm.
Saturday, Curb market, 8:30. Do not forget to come. Mrs. Joe Brown, of Hoke Club, led the sales the past Saturday at the curb market. Mrs. W. C. Moore, of Cool Springs, was second. Total receipts for the curb market, \$34.70.

Local Juniors Plan Supper for Visitors

The Plymouth Rock Council, No. 213, Junior Order United American Mechanics, will have a rock middle supper Friday night, March 27th, at which time they will have as their guests the members of Belhaven council.

This is the first of a series of suppers that the local council is planning to give through the spring and summer months, with members from councils in several of the near-by towns as visitors.

After the supper, which will be served promptly at 7 o'clock, a meeting will take place and several new members will be initiated into the work of the council.

During the severe winter that we have been having, attendance has fallen off, due to bad roads and a lot of sickness throughout the community, so these suppers have been planned as a means of creating a new interest in the council and in each other. Also the idea of inviting members of other councils to join in these suppers is a means to get acquainted with neighbors and to build up a spirit of fellowship.

Every member of Plymouth Rock Council is urged to be present promptly at 7 o'clock so the supper will be finished in time to have a meeting and initiation afterward.

Field Day Program For Colored Schools

Preparations are being made by the colored schools in Washington County for the field day program that is scheduled for April 24, with Principal J. J. Clemmons and E. V. Wilkins, coach of the Roper school, in charge.

The festivities will open with a parade at 9:15, followed by a literary program of music, spelling, readings, writing, poems, drama and art exhibits. Running, jumping and ball-passing will feature the afternoon outdoor program.

A popularity contest will be held with the winner crowned queen of Washington County. A pennant will be given the winning school. Tickets are being sent to the schools in the popularity contest.

Let Contract for Star Mail Route

Official instructions have been issued to Postmaster George W. Hardison that William O. McArthur, of Evergreen, Ala., has been designated as a star route mail carrier for the route from Plymouth to Columbia. This is a distance of 34.90 miles. Thirteen trips must be made weekly, twice daily and once on Sunday.

The new man will begin work on July 1 of this year and will serve until June 30, 1940. Stops must be made by the carrier at Roper, Creswell and Columbia. Mr. McArthur will replace R. C. Peacock, of Roper, who has been carrying the mail on this route for about four years. It is thought that Mr. McArthur will make his home in Plymouth.

A number of people submitted bids for this work, but Mr. McArthur was the accepted one. It was hoped that some one in this section would get the job, but it is thought that the bids or bonds of the local aspirants were not acceptable. Other routes have been opened for bids and the results will be made known as soon as Mr. Hardison is advised.

Sunday School Meet Postponed

Roper.—The Lees Mills Township Sunday School Convention, which was scheduled to have been held in the Roper Methodist Church has postponed until the first Sunday in April. Illness and bad weather caused the postponement.

Interest Growing in Firemen's Amateur Show Here Tonight

Large Number of Amateurs To Compete for Prizes Offered

Who will get the gong? That is the question that is being asked around the streets and highways in this section as the amateurs groom themselves for a show that is to be sponsored by the Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department in the Plymouth High School auditorium tonight (Friday) at 8 p. m.

They will come in from the street corners, rural homes, and from the places of business to compete for the cash prizes. It is expected that close to 30 numbers will be on the program. Roper, Creswell, Jamesville, Dardens, Cherry, Mackeys, and some of the other communities will have their pride on the program.

As the program is being completed the ticket sales are continuing with school children all over the county and others selling the tickets. It gives promise of two things: A packed house and a good entertainment. So the firemen are urging you to take part.

There will be dancing, singing, instrumental music by Aiken and his Carolina Aces, harmonicas, violin, recitations; in fact, most every kind of entertainment will be on the program. Hear a Washington County citizen play on a gourd banjo. And also consider the cash. A total of \$45 to be handed to some one. No strings. Money on hand. Cash for the performers, cash for the person with the lucky ticket, cash for the person making and arranging the ad sentences.

There will be an interesting announcer. Sure, there will be a fellow to handle the gong. And there will be comedy. Everything to be packed into one slow... you know what the firemen do when they put on a show.

Yes; your reporter will be there.

Pre-Easter Revival At Local Church

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Liverman visited Zion Chapel and Saints Delight Christian church last Sunday to invite them to attend the pre-Easter revival of the local Christian church, which will begin Sunday, March 29, and continue each night until Easter.

On Tuesday night, March 31st, Zion Chapel church will be honored. They will come with a large delegation and a selection of special music. Sts. Delight Church will come with their delegation and special music on Wednesday night, April 1st. Special nights for Dardens, Jamesville, Christian Hope and other churches will be announced later.

Among the others is Oak Grove Christian church, which has a famous male quartette that is always asked to sing at the Roanoke district meetings.

There will also be "Father and Son," "Mother and Daughter," and "Family Nights." This meeting is designed to create a fellowship that will leave a lasting impression on those who attend.

The public is cordially invited to attend and take part in congregational singing and meet friends who aid greatly to live "the abundant life." Each night service will begin at 7:45 o'clock and close at 8:45 p. m.

Let Contract for Widening Street

A contract has been let by the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission for concrete to widen the highway No. 64 through Plymouth. The cost expenditure is to be \$7,843. R. E. Fuller, Raleigh, is the contractor.

Also a contract has been acquired by F. J. McGuire, of Raleigh, for concrete and structures on No. 64 through Roper. The road is to cost \$7,125.50, while the structures will mean an expenditure of \$9,313.90.

Conference Sunday At Creswell Church

Creswell.—Rev. B. B. Slaughter, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will preach at the Methodist church in Creswell Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The sermon will be followed by the second quarterly conference. The public is urged to attend by Rev. W. J. Watson, pastor of the church.

Farm Notes

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

The new farm program is out! All county agents have been called to Raleigh on the 23rd of this month for the purpose of having the workings of this program explained to them in detail. On the 27th of this month at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, in the courthouse at Plymouth, all the farmers in the county are invited and urged to attend a meeting which is to be held for the purpose of explaining to them the workings of the new farm program. Those who have studied the new program say that it is much better than our old AAA program in that it is much more liberal and will benefit a greater number of people. Attend the meeting in Plymouth at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Friday, the 27th of March.

County agents in Washington and Tyrrell Counties are cooperating at a poultry and egg sale on Saturday of this week. Poultry will be bought in Columbia, Creswell, and Plymouth that day. The purpose of this sale is to acquaint farmers in the counties with the prices of poultry and to assist them in securing as near as possible the worth of poultry and eggs from time to time. The State Exchange has offered to give us a day each week if necessary and pay New York and Philadelphia prices for poultry and eggs, less expenses. A paid ad in this paper carries full details, prices etc.

Those farmers who sold peanuts to oil mills now have vouchers in the county office and as soon as these vouchers are signed by the producers they will be sent in for payment.

We are signing up the vouchers for adjustment payment on cotton sold from this year's crop and will complete the first sign-up by March 21st. As soon as signed, these vouchers will be sent in for payment. Cotton growers who wish to receive this difference between the average cotton market price and 12 cents per pound on cotton sold to date must sign one of these vouchers to secure this payment. Notices have been sent all growers with cotton sales receipts from buyers on file in the office.

There was a misprint in the Farm Bureau ad in price of membership. The membership charge is \$2. Fifty cents remains in the county to be used for postage and incidentals necessary in carrying on the affairs of the bureau. The membership receives a paper from the bureau published at national headquarters each month. The remaining fees are used in maintaining a state and national bureau and its works.

Now is a good time to cull the laying hens. A hen that is not laying now and is still carrying a beautiful coat of feathers, a yellow beak, a red comb and nice yellow legs will never be profitable. The thing to do is to pull her out and stick her in a coop and take her to the chicken sale Saturday. Good layers are more or less ragged at this season of the year or have laid enough eggs that their feet and beaks have bleached out and lost a bit of their color. In handling a laying hen she will be very soft in the fluff. Hens having a firm feeling are not laying. The vent is large and moist in a laying hen. With a little handling and observation any one can pick out at this season the good layers. This can be done easily with a flashlight or lantern on the roost at night.

A poultry car will be in Plymouth on the 28th at the depot. Prices for this sale will be shown in the paper next week. We may run a sale each week; if not, we will through the spring every two weeks.

Seed loan applications are now available. Apply to Miss Martha Hornthal, Plymouth.

Move Buildings at Old County Home

Work was started last week tearing down and moving the old buildings that have been in use for many years as a county home.

A. R. Latham has bought these buildings and is having them moved across the road and rebuilt on his lots between his residence and Rufus Tetterton's farm. These houses will be painted and wired for lights and will be rented out by Mr. Latham.

The moving of these houses will be quite an improvement to the grounds in front of the beautiful new county home recently completed.

O. R. Armstrong, 45, Dies Wednesday at Home in Creswell

Was Former Member of County Board of Commissioners

Funeral services were to be held either Thursday or Friday afternoon for O. Ray Armstrong, 45, who died suddenly Wednesday morning at his home near Creswell. He had been to take his sister home and on the return trip he had been well until he reached the hallway of his home.

C. N. Davenport, jr., at Creswell, said over the telephone Thursday morning that funeral arrangements had not been completed. They were waiting for relatives from some distance before the interment could take place in the Indian Swamp cemetery.

Mr. Armstrong was well known and well liked in this county. He was a member of the board of Washington County Commissioners for two terms. His wife is a member of the Creswell school faculty. They have no children. He was a successful farmer.

The cause of his death has not been announced by the physician, but Mr. Davenport was of the opinion that it was caused indirectly by a digestive chill or causes emanating from this disease. He had not complained of being ill before he collapsed.

Four Candidates Enter This Week

Four new candidates entered the political race for nomination to county offices in Washington County in the June primary.

W. L. Whitley announces this week for the board of education. A. L. Owens now opposes Harry Stel for nomination to the General Assembly. Zeb Vance Norman is opposing J. W. Darden and W. Ronald Galyard for the office of judge of recorder's court.

Legion Auxiliary In Meeting Friday

The American Legion Auxiliary at a meeting Friday afternoon voted to contribute \$10 to the Plymouth High School for paintings. It was also decided to send three veterans at Oteen a gift. Cards of appreciation were read from the boys for the cigarettes sent last month.

A party is planned for April to raise money to pay rest of the year's obligations. Only a few were present at the meeting, due to sickness.

E. G. Arps To Ship Tomatoes This Year

E. G. Arps, local druggist who has been engaged directly and indirectly in the shipment of tomatoes in Washington County, will handle them for growers in this section this season. He will wrap, pack and transport them to the markets. Farmers may see Mr. Arps about details. It is understood that the Plymouth Mutual Exchange will not operate this season. Mr. Arps provides, so far as is known, the only local handling arrangements.

Opening for 28 Men In U. S. Army Corps

During this month, the U. C. Marine Corps Recruiting District head quarters, Post Office Building, Savannah, Ga., will accept twenty-eight applicants of superior physical and educational qualifications, single between 18 and 25 years of age and not less than five feet and six inches in height, it was announced by Major Ralph E. Davis, the officer in charge.

There are also vacancies for musicians who are qualified to play either trumpet or drum, it was announced.

The Savannah office considers applicants from Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida, and is the only office where applicants in these states are examined. Full information and applications blanks will be furnished upon request to young men desiring service in the Marine Corps, Major Davis stated.

Tomato Juice Is Making Henderson County Famous

The Golden Queen variety of tomato is making Henderson County famous for its fine juice, says the county agent.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Public schools in Washington County will close at different times during May and June on account of the days that school was suspended during the recent bad weather and bad roads.

The Roper school is making an effort to make up six days lost so they can close on May 29. They are expecting to teach on Saturdays. The Creswell school is undecided as to what to do. Plymouth schools will continue until June 2, when the 16 days missed will be made up.

All colored schools in the county are contemplating closing on May 15. They have missed only a few days and are teaching on Saturdays to make up for the lost time.

ABOUT TOWN

J. W. Alexander of the Pea Ridge section below Roper was in town last Friday attending to business. He has been sick for two weeks with the influenza. He is 69 years of age and is believed to be the oldest magistrate in this county in age, but not in point of service.

Damage estimated at \$100 or more was done to the car of Barton Swain when it was struck by a truck owned by the B. G. Campbell Wholesale company several days ago while parked on a Roper street. Paul Gurganus, an employee of the wholesale firm, was operating the truck. It was raining when the truck crashed into the rear of the parked machine.

John W. Darden, recorder and dean of the magistrates in Washington County, was unable to attend the meeting of the North Carolina Association of Magistrates held in Rocky Mount last week. W. S. Swain, of Rocky Mount, chairman of the advisory, legislative and grievance committee, extended Mr. Darden an invitation to attend.

P. H. Bell, local negro attorney, is dividing his time between Plymouth and Rocky Mount. He has been engaged in a number of cases in the other town as well as handling practice in Hertford, Edenton, Elizabeth City and other towns in this section of the State.

It's true. What you have heard about Priscilla Ann Lyon being in the movies was verified here. She was seen by theater-goers here in a chorus in the "Our Gang Follies of 1936" last week. Numbers of children who knew her while she lived here are writing her a note. "The back home folks" are proud of Priscilla.

Recall Biggs, young white man of this place, damage the jail to an extent of \$10 when he was incarcerated a few days ago on a charge of drunkenness. He was permitted to leave the jail after having been convicted by a magistrate for being a nuisance and paying for the damage done.

Water had run all over the top floor of the jail. During Saturday night he had broken a pipe off of the water system and caused the place to flood. He was not locked in a cell.

B. A. Sumner is home again for a while. He has returned from a trip through the South which is his territory. He sells hats. He reported that business this year has been better with him than since before the crash in 1929.

Pat O'Carroll, of Washington, has moved with his family to the Johnston farm in the Long Ridge section of this county, to work with A. L. Owens who operates a number of farms. Mr. Carroll fell from the over-pass at Chocowinity and injured a leg and for several months his foot has been in a cast but he has been able to walk but could not work. Mr. O'Carroll is a good singer.

Mrs. J. A. Stillman of the Pea Ridge section of the county was in Plymouth last week. She visited the Beacon office and revealed that her son was still suffering from arthritis. He has been sick for years but he still has hopes of getting better.

Director of Drama Here Next Tuesday

Mrs. Alexander Mathias, of Mantoo, a director of drama in the Federal Theatre Projects, will be in Plymouth next Tuesday afternoon to organize the work here and to assist Miss Ada Weede in getting the work started.

All who are interested in this work are urged by Miss Weede to be at the Plymouth High School building Tuesday afternoon, March 24, at 4 p. m.

300 METHODISTS EXPECTED HERE NEXT TUESDAY

Conference of Elizabeth City District To Be Held In Local Church

Upwards of 300 Methodists from this section of the State are expected to gather in the Methodist church here Tuesday, March 24, for a group conference on evangelism and benevolences. The session begins at 10 o'clock and will adjourn at 3:30 p. m.

This conference will include ministers, delegates and visitors from the Elizabeth City district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Representatives are expected from the following churches: Bath, Belhaven-Pantego, Columbia, Fairfield, Mattamuskeet, Plymouth, Swan Quarter, Roper-Creswell, Washington, Windsor and Williamston.

The pastors of all of these groups have places on the program, as follows: Rev. E. J. Rees, of Washington, leader; Rev. B. B. Slaughter, Elizabeth City, presiding elder; Rev. W. L. Clegg, Bethel, sermon. The morning session will have as its theme evangelism.

Speakers will include W. J. Watson, Roper; J. W. Sneeden, Belhaven; R. R. Grant, Williamston; A. C. Lee, Fairfield; H. H. McLean, Plymouth; J. T. Stanford; C. T. Thrift, Plymouth. In the afternoon benevolences will be the subject, with the following as speakers: O. C. Melton, Columbia; W. G. Lowe, Swan Quarter; J. D. Robinson, Bath; E. N. Harrison, Windsor.

"The goal is that every church on every charge shall be represented at this group conference and the other two of the year. The charge securing the largest number of votes will have the next group conference," says Rev. C. T. Thrift, pastor of the local church.

Four former pastors of the local church are on the program, and it is urged that all who will in Plymouth should attend.

It is thought that Mr. Thrift will report at this group conference, if it becomes appropriate, that remarkable progress is being made on the elimination of the debt of the parsonage. Practically the entire \$1,300 due on the parsonage has been pledged.

Gold Medal Offered In Plymouth School

A medal will be given to the ninth or eleventh grade student in the Plymouth High School who makes the most improvement on his tory in the last semester. The medal will be made of gold.

If a student made zero on the first semester's work and then brings his average up to 70 during the last semester he will have 70 points. If another student averages 90 for the first semester and brings it up to 100, the first gets the medal because he made the most points.

This medal is being offered by Mrs. Abe Adler in memory of her son, Buster, who was drowned in the Roanoke River here some years ago. Young Adler's best subject was history.

MOUNT TABOR CLUB MEETING HELD FRIDAY

Creswell.—Mrs. Sarah Holmes was hostess to the Mount-Tabor home demonstration club Friday afternoon. In the absence of the president, Miss Mary Frances Misenheimer led the devotionals. Mrs. Major Forehand and Mrs. Mary J. Davenport were enrolled as new members.

Mrs. Lee Midyette assisted Miss Misenheimer in making a bean loaf. Each one is asked to bring eggs to the next meeting for the April egg hunt. Games and contests were enjoyed. The hostess served a delicious sweet course.

COUNTY BRIDGE CLUB HOLDS MEET MONDAY

The County Bridge Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. S. L. Lilley Monday with 10 old members and 2 new members present.

A demonstration was carried out on bean loaf. Reports were given by members of the club.

Games and contests were enjoyed during the social hour. Special music was rendered by Mrs. L. H. Phelps.

The hostess served apples and candies.

WAYBURN - COBURN

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Coburn, of Plymouth, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Betty Grey Coburn, of Raleigh, to Samuel Wayburn, of Atlanta, Ga. The wedding was solemnized on Saturday, March 14, in Danville, Va.