

COLONIZING 20,000 ACRES RUMORED IN SCUPPERNONG

Plan Followed Would Be Similar to Penderlea Development

Colonization of 20,000 acres in the Scuppernon section of Washington County under the sponsorship of the National Resettlement Administration is rumored here today.

These rumors which have a basis of certain facts persist, despite any word from government officials. And denials from officials or their non-talkative attitude does not seem to allay the spread of the information.

It is reported that the resettlement organization is planning to purchase at least 20,000 acres around the famous Lake Phelps to make it a park, summer resort and a place of amusement for colonists who will till the soil under government supervision in the area desired.

The local project is to be operated in a similar way to the one in Pender County, only this is planned to be a much larger enterprise. Farmers who have no farms nor means of securing equipment will be moved from other sections to Lake Phelps, and the government will sponsor them.

An option has been held on certain lands for months, and John L. Phelps said that the option had expired last October, but that word had come to him that the resettlement organization was still interested in the project, and that when the time was ripe they would bargain with him.

The approval of the project by the WPA to make a road from Roper to Newlands and Cherry sections is said to be a boost to the intentions of the government. Then this road would be extended to the historical Somerset, Magnolia, Western and Sheppard farms.

These colonists will have their own shops for repairing their farm utensils and implements. They will have a mill to grind their grain for bread. They will have their schools their amusements, their church and their community, with the Federal government seeing that they use them right.

These men and women will have their sports, as they dip in the beautiful waters of the ancient Lake Phelps or cast their fish hooks into canals and streams running through the premises and angle for fish, while hunters can chase the deer, bear, squirrel and other game thru a preserve that will be held by the government.

There will be fire lanes through the forests to protect the game and timber. Men and women will be trained to fight the fire plague and will be taught the rudiments of health, happiness and hard work with no dole but ever pleasant life to those who work hard and are frugal.

There will be livestock for work on the farm and cattle to provide milk for the young and old. Tractors will be purchased cooperatively and used by the community. Farm implements will be provided. No one can excuse himself by complaining of the lack of equipment.

But not every one will be admitted here. Every family must stand on its own merits. They must earn money with this land and equipment to repay their government for staking them to a chance at a better life. They must work hard and spend sparingly.

This information is scheduled to break by the first of June, or certainly before July. Unless Federal restrictions on relief appropriations hinder, something will be done in the next few weeks. Land will be purchased with the exception of those plots which the owners do not wish to sell.

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STORE CLOSINGS

Stores and business houses in Plymouth will close each Wednesday at 12 o'clock for the rest of the day during June, July and August. Next Wednesday is the first day. This is to give the employees an opportunity to rest for a half day.

Merchants and business men urge the public to trade or transact their business early Wednesday morning or the day after in order to cooperate with them. This is not done to inconvenience the public but is a custom to allow those stores and business which have only one clerk to rest.

Several of the merchants at first opposed the closing idea, but the majority in a meeting here Tuesday favored closing and on a second vote the closing was made unanimous.

ABOUT TOWN

"If we could only convert the amount we pay in taxes into profit, then we would be in the money," said S. B. Warren, advance man for the Silas Green minstrel, who was here Tuesday advertising for the show, which is to be here Thursday, June 4. Mr. Warren pointed out that they paid 22 different and distinct taxes, including state, advertising, internal, amusement and sales tax. He says that Silas has a new show this year better than before. This is a clean show and half of the tent is usually reserved for white people.

B. R. Hood, of Washington, N. C., supervisor of the first congressional district in taking the business census, was here this week making a final check of Plymouth. Mrs. Kathleen Spruill did this work in the county. He would not reveal any of the statistics. The work was concluded in March after starting in January.

Ransom Martin, of Seattle, Wash., thinks he is farther from Plymouth than any other subscriber of the Beacon. But then there is O. H. Lyon, in Hollywood, Calif.; L. E. Davenport, Portsmouth, N. H.; J. D. Smith, Milwaukee, Wis.; R. Spruill, Bridgeport, Conn.; J. R. Inhoff, Hamilton, N. J.; and Russell Satterthwaite, Dallas, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dinkins, who were members of the faculty of the Lewisville High School, in Forsythe County, were here last week. They left to visit his parents in Chilhowie Va. They plan to leave there with two sisters of Mr. Dinkins for Holly wood, Calif., on a vacation. Mr. Dinkins was once a resident of California and will visit relatives there. They have an opportunity of positions in the local school, but may return to Lewisville, as they have been reelected for that place.

J. E. Westray, of Rocky Mount, has arrived here to begin his work as the local agent of an insurance company. He was going the rounds with E. A. Hooks. He will move his family either here or to Roper, and is expected to become a resident about June 5.

W. R. Gaylord, a judge in the coming primary, wishes to advise those casting their ballots to please remember to vote for only one commissioner in a district. If the ballots are wrongly marked, defaced, or if the least thing is wrong, they are not allowed to count. He asks every one to be careful in marking their ballots so that every one will count.

Newspaper clippings from East Northport, N. Y., in the possession of Miss Phionie Davis here, reveals that Howard (Baker) Brown, of Jamesville, formerly a member of the local ball club and insurance man, included a home run among the two safeties that he made in a game recently. He is making good as a catcher.

Almost 50 years in the grocery business in the same location is the record of C. J. Andrews, of Portsmouth, who was here this week with his wife and child, Jean, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leon Rose. He succeeded his father in this business. About 90 per cent of his business is reliable credit. It is one of the large stores of its kind in the city of Portsmouth. Mr. Rose, a flagman for the A. C. L., lived in Portsmouth at one time.

Mrs. Vivian Brown Rice and children, Robert and Marcia, were here this week from New York City visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brown and relatives. Miss Marcia, who lived here with the Browns for some time years ago, is now doing a specialty dance in the Hour Glass Night Club, while her brother, Robert, is

BAR SON AT CCC CAMPS BECAUSE MOTHER WORKS

Widow Takes in Washing To Keep From Going on Government Relief

Pity poor Mrs. Griffin Norman. Because she chose rather to skin her knuckles on a washing board and to almost break her back with a heavy iron as a laundress, her son cannot go to the CCC camps.

Back when the depression was at its worst Mrs. Norman received some direct relief. Later her son Roy went to the CCC camp, where he sent money back to her which she applied on the taxes on her little home. Soon after arriving from the camp Roy got a job with a local plant.

The relief agencies cut down on her aid. She had a sick married daughter at her home with a sick child. She continued to keep her laundry work. Soon things improved and she did not ask for government aid. Her name was marked off the books.

Now she has a younger son who wants to go to the CCC camps. In fact he needs to go. His mother needs this to supplement the small funds she gets from washing and the laborer's salary that her eldest son brings home each week.

But, no; she made a mistake when she left the relief rolls. Her youngest son cannot enter the camp. She is not a WPA client. Miss Florence Ledbetter, certificate adjuster, claims Tom Norman is not eligible. She cannot vary from the letter of the rules.

Of course, the WPA clients who have been receiving aid from the government for years can continue receiving benefits. Two sons from one family are in the CCC camp and their father is working daily. In another family two are employed by this agency.

But a widow washerwoman cannot get her son in government employ. No; she thought enough of her government not to "sponge" on it and she is out in the cold. She can live with Tom at home. But he needs the training. His widowed mother needs the money.

Leaders' School Is Held Tuesday

An interesting food leaders' school was held last Tuesday in the home agent's office. Miss Sallie Brooks, assistant food specialist, conducted the meeting. Yeast breads were demonstrated to the group.

The following clubs were represented: Roper, Mrs. R. S. Stillman, Wenona, Mrs. J. L. Rhea and Mrs. Holton Allen.

County Bridge, Mrs. S. A. Parrisher. Pleasant Grove, Mrs. Z. S. Waters. Swain, Mrs. Jane Vail, Mrs. Mattie Swain.

Chapel Hill, Mrs. N. D. Liverman, Mrs. Robert Swain. Cross Roads, Mrs. J. W. Marrow. Cool Springs, Mrs. W. C. Moore, Mrs. Sam Lucas.

Alba, Jessie Mae Bowen. Congratulations to the following club leaders who have been present at all of our leaders' schools: Mrs. J. W. Marrow, Cross Roads; Mrs. N. D. Liverman, Mrs. Robert Swain, Chapel Hill; Mrs. Jane Vail, Mrs. Mattie Swain; Mrs. Sam Lucas, Mrs. W. C. Moore, Cool Springs.

Piano Recital Here Wednesday, June 3

Mrs. Laura S. Johnston will present her pupils in a piano recital at the Plymouth High School building on Wednesday, June 3. There are 28 numbers on the program.

Pupils include Lillian McGowan, Evelyn Arps, Mary C. and Frances C. Jones, Wilford Whitley, Rebecca Ward, Katherine Midgett, Virginia Ayers, Zola Davenport, Mabel Liverman, Mary Lillian Campbell, Ann Liverman, Mary Bray, Peggy Brown, Elsie Liverman, Lorraine Jackson, Helen Harrison, Barbara Norman.

room clerk in the Montclair Hotel.

Julius E. Nelms, of Rocky Mount, a traveling salesman for a produce concern, was arrested near here Sunday by Patrolman G. E. Stewart, charged with reckless driving. There was no accident. He will be tried in recorder's court next Tuesday, June 2. W. E. (Jack) Weede posted the \$100 bond for him.

Farm Notes

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

The extreme dry weather is causing severe damage to tobacco beds. Some of this can be avoided by applying light applications of sawdust to the bed until a mulch of about 1 inch covers the ground. This may then be wet down and will, to a great extent, prevent evaporation. This has been tried on a number of beds and has proved very helpful. The plants will revive and much less water will be required for the beds after this application of sawdust. Applications of mulch in the form of sawdust, straw, peanut trash or dead leaves will greatly help during periods of drought in the vegetable garden, the flower yard and young fruit trees.

The Department of Agriculture has announced that an open offer by the Secretary of Agriculture to make payments to peanut growers for the diversion of peanuts into oil at a rate of \$21 a ton on peanuts as produced in Washington County has been extended to June 20, 1936. The peanut diversion program is designed to remove surplus peanuts from the normal channels of trade and divert them into the manufacture of peanut oil. This is too late for most of us, but will probably help some who have peanuts in storage, and quite a few who have old peanuts on hand. The dry weather is doing considerably more to reduce the peanut acreage, it seems, than would have been the case with our new program.

A number of adjustment payments have been received this week on cotton sold from the 1935 crop. We should have all of these checks in within the next few days. I wish to advise a number of producers who sold cotton and who have receipts for cotton sold in file in the office that it will be necessary for their signatures to be on file here in the office and to accompany the application for payment to Washington before any payment will be forthcoming.

All cotton producers who have sold cotton and have receipts for same should make application for adjustment payment at the county office at once.

The new farm program with the sign-up seems to be coming along mightily well. The existing drought has been an asset to our campaign. A number of people have probably signed who would not have signed had weather conditions been favorable for continued planting. This is good and clearly demonstrates the values of a program such as this to thinking farmers, come good season or bad. The first week we had about 26 per cent of the eligible farms signed up. At the end of last week we had a little better than 50 per cent. By the time you read this we hope to have 70 per cent of all eligibles signed. A sign-up at this time is merely the execution of a work sheet which is to be used as a basis in adjusting crops planted to the farm. These applications are in no way binding or compulsory, but are to be used as a basis for adjustment and making recommendation which will reduce surpluses. When compliance is made, which may be July, August, or September, so far as we know at this time, the farmers who are in line and are farming according to approved practices of rotation, reduction, and the proper number of acres planted to some soil-conserving crops will be in line for payment and will receive payment for this. Those who are not in line will not receive any benefits. Those who have not made their application or filled out this work sheet are urged to do this at once. There are a number of people who have been unable to make this application previous to May 30, and in such cases we will probably receive applications up to June 5th.

BRIDGE ACROSS SOUND TOPIC AT JUNE MEETING

Decision Expected at Next Session by Highway Commission

A decision on the location and construction of a proposed bridge to cross the Albemarle Sound is expected to be reached in June, when the State Highway and Public Works Commission meets in Raleigh. Erection of the span from Mackeys to a point near Edenton would cost \$1,400,000, according to recent field surveys, but the commission has allocated only \$1,000,000 for the project.

Several months ago this proposed structure was agitated by groups on the north and south sides of the Albemarle Sound and a controversy arose over the proper location. A whispering campaign of strategy was started to hush the heated discussion to the location.

Finals Program at Creswell School

Commencement exercises will be held Friday night, May 29, at the Methodist Protestant church for the Creswell High School.

The salutatory address will be made by Mamie Davenport. H. H. McLean will introduce Rev. M. D. McInnis, of Washington, who will make the literary address. Marian Woodley will read the class poem; Elizabeth Holmes is the testator and Lewis Alligood the valetudinarian.

Principal C. H. Aderholdt will award the medals.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached in Christ Episcopal church Sunday morning, with Rev. John W. Hardy delivering the sermon. Closing exercises were cut short as the auditorium had been reduced to class rooms and there was no place of public assembly except in the churches.

BONUS PAYMENT TO BE MADE JUNE 15 TO VETERANS

Bonds in Denomination of \$50 Each Will Be Sent To Veterans

Below is an announcement by Postmaster George W. Hardison:

"I have been instructed by the Post Office Department that World War veterans' adjusted certificates will be paid by adjusted service bonds in denominations of \$50 each. Any amount in excess of \$50 and not exceeding \$100 will be paid with U. S. Treasury Checks for any difference along with the bonds.

"This settlement will be mailed out by the department on June 15 by registered letter and should reach the veterans on the 17th and thereafter.

"These registered letters are to be delivered to the veterans only, and it is absolutely necessary that the veterans be on hand to sign the proper receipts which will be with the letter. Therefore, all veterans receiving mail out from the post office, be at their address around these dates, in order to effect as early delivery as possible.

"All veterans who wish to cash in their bonds are required to present them to the postmaster at their post office address, and the postmaster will certify as to their identity and give them a receipt for their bonds. In case the postmaster is not able to identify the veteran, it is necessary that the veteran have two witnesses who are able to certify as to his identity.

The postmaster will then forward these bonds to Raleigh and a U. S. Treasury check will be mailed direct to the veterans.

"The treasury checks sent along with the bonds for the additional amounts owing veterans in excess of the \$50 bonds can be cashed at any bank or post office just the same as any other check properly endorsed by the veteran.

"In case there is any delay as to the arrival of these registered letters, veterans need not worry, as this delay will probably be caused by some technical delay in the department."

Christian Church Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held at the Christian church Sunday, May 31, at 11 o'clock, in memory of those who passed on to their great reward during the past year. Members of the family and friends of the deceased, Mr. H. C. Hooker, Mr. J. R. Knowles, and Mrs. K. R. Hopkins, are urged to be present. The church is especially urged to be present to show their love and respect to the bereaved.

Interesting Stories Brought to Light by Opening New Road

Sites of Number Pioneer Homes Located Since Work Started

Opening up a new road between the New Lands section and Roper in Washington County brings to light the fact that pioneers resided in rudely constructed cabins on small islands that ran along a ridge in this section.

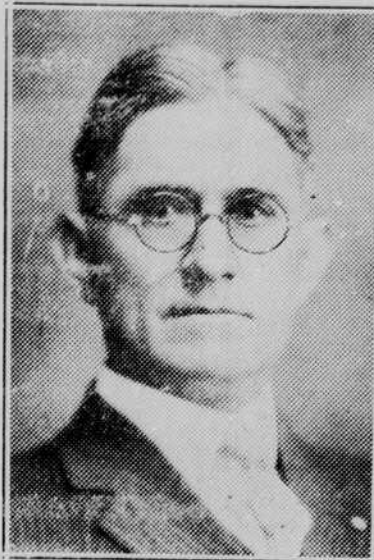
Today there are no homes back in these places. But there are legends and there are the corn and potato rows as evidence. These "islands" as they are called, are only a few yards in area, but they provided dry land in a swamp for the men and women who lived there 75 years ago.

These "islands" are known as Bee Tree, Rainbow, Scrabbe, Bull Ridge and White Oak between the new New Lands road and the highway and Luzianne is between the New Lands road and Lake Phelps. Ancestors of Andrew Phelps and Henderson Craddock lived back in these brambles where deer and bears today are plentiful.

This new road is about 50 per cent complete. It shortens the distance between Plymouth and Cherry by 22 miles. It is expected that this road will be traveled by sportsmen who will fish in historic Lake Phelps and hunt the plentiful game in the adjoining territory. Over 300 families will be served by this road.

People up this way are so eager for a road that they have given rights of way through their fields. The new road is 34 feet wide, and it is expected that it will be maintained by the State Highway Commission when completed. The labor is being furnished by the WPA and the Washington County commissioners are sponsoring it. It is expected to cost close to \$12,000, \$13.50 each.

DR. G. A. MARTIN



Dr. Martin is on the program of the Pamlico Baptist Association, which will meet in Creswell Sunday. He is the pastor of the Creswell Baptist church. He has served churches in Wilmington, Thomasville, Concord, Waynesville, Marion. And he is also a Knights-Templar Mason.

BAPTISTS MEET AT CRESWELL SUNDAY, MAY 31

Pamlico Baptist Association Announces Program for Annual Session

Enlisting, teaching, winning and using men and women will be the keynote of the Pamlico Baptist Association which will meet with the Creswell Baptist church Sunday, May 31, for an all day meeting.

Prayer and praise service begins the meeting at 9:45, with Sunday school classes meeting for the records to be taken after which J. W. Hamilton will teach the lesson. E. R. Stewart, of Fairfield, is moderator with J. E. Norris, Columbia, as clerk.

Subjects for discussion follow: "How the Sunday School Helps to Build the Church," by J. E. Norris, Columbia; "The Great Teacher," by Dr. G. A. Martin, Creswell; sermon by Rev. J. J. Johnson, Belhaven. Music will be provided by the Creswell church in the morning and Mt. Pleasant in the afternoon.

Reports will be heard from associational departments with R. L. Leitchfield, Creswell, being heard on the Sunday School; Mrs. J. G. Brick house, Columbia; on the Baptist Union; Mrs. J. J. Johnson, Belhaven, Woman's Missionary Union. Adjournment is scheduled for 3:25 p. m., with dinner at 12:30.

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Home-grown feeds do not supply enough calcium and phosphorous and it is necessary that a good mineral mixture be provided, especially for growing and breeding animals. For good producers a mineral mixture composed of equal parts of finely ground limestone added to the concentrate ration at the rate of two pounds of minerals to each 100 pounds of ration. This, together with the minerals carried in the hay and grain will enable the cow to replace the calcium and phosphate taken from her body by and steamed bone meal should be heavy milk production.

Cut the beef into five or six pound chunks and rub with salt. Then pack in a clean vessel of hardwood or stone ware and cover with a pickle made of 11-2 pounds of salt, 1 ounce of saltpeter, 1-4 pound of

COUNTY POTATO GROWERS HOPE FOR FAIR PRICE

Selling for Around \$4.50 Barrel This Week; Poor Yield Anticipated

Irish potato growers in Washington County hope to get around \$3 or some are hopeful enough to predict \$4 a barrel this season. In fact, many believe they will get more for the crop coming off in June than for any crop in the last few years.

W. E. (Jack) Weede is one of those who predict a good price. This week they are selling for around \$4.50 a barrel. But growers here will not get down to digging until about the middle of June. A late dry spring has greatly reduced the yield.

Many growers are not complaining about the small yield, as a decrease in the crop generally means a rise in the price. Close to 8,000 carloads were shipped from this state last year, but this year the prediction is that only 5,000 cars will be sent away.

What the spud producers now want (and may get before the Beacon comes out) is a good rain. The potatoes need some moisture. When the digging begins there will be a general demand for laborers to help harvest these vegetables.

They are grown more around Creswell for commercial purposes than any other section of Washington County. Last year the price dropped to such a low level that they could be purchased in Plymouth by housewives at \$1 a barrel.

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