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SOMERSET FARM SCENE OF LARGE MEET LAST WEEK

Resettlement Administration and County Officials Have Get-Together

The Resettlement Administration at the "Scuppernon Farms" project, had their first get-together, or social gathering, of the officials, employees, land owners from whom the Resettlement Administration is purchasing land, commissioners and boards of education members of both Tyrrell and Washington Counties, and neighbors, out at the lovely old Collins House, on Somerset Farm, near Creswell, last week.

Many of the officials from the Raleigh office were there, also some from Washington, D. C., among whom were Dr. George S. Mitchell, regional director; Mr. James S. Gray, associate regional director; and Mr. C. B. Farris, assistant regional director, from the Raleigh office; also Mr. Glenn W. Miller, agricultural specialist, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Gray explained the workings of land utilization; Mr. Farris, the purpose of rural resettlement, and answered any questions that arose in the minds of the people. Dr. Mitchell told a brief history of the project and explained resettlement briefly as a whole.

Some of the local people gave short talks about their work. Miss Sallie Davis, sponsored by the American Legion, told of the work that the child welfare organization was trying to accomplish.

After enjoying the talks, Mr. T. W. Armstrong acting community manager, asked each person to arise, introduce himself and tell his occupation. Then, after registering, everyone viewed the lovely old Collins house, which, by the aid of the Resettlement boys, had put on a gala holiday appearance, heard the legends of the old plantation, and marveled at the beautiful sunset on the lake.

Mr. Adickes, administrative assistant, added to the occasion by making several pictures of the crowd in front of the old house.

A barbecue prepared by the Resettlement boys made the guests feel "Scuppernon Farms" was a good idea, after all.

EUGENE F. STILL TO BE CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR HERE

Town Election To Be Held In May; B. G. Campbell Present Mayor

Here almost five months in advance, Eugene F. Still announces that he will be a candidate for the office of mayor of Plymouth.

B. G. Campbell, wholesale merchants here, will begin January 1 serving the unexpired term of Rev. Gilbert Davis who resigned after almost four years of service to accept the pastorate of four Christian churches in Pitt and Greene Counties with his residence in Bellarthur.

Mr. Still is manager of the Plymouth Box and Panel Company and has served on the City Council as well as on the local school board. He is the first president of the Lions Club, the first civic service organization to be launched in Plymouth.

Friends of Mr. Still have approached him time and again urging him to run for mayor, and with the town election scheduled for May, Mr. Still has already decided to enter the race and it is thought that his wide acquaintance among business men and industrialists that his leadership will be welcomed by all and with cooperation from everyone.

Begins Series of Services Sunday

Rev. C. T. Thrift, the pastor, will begin a series of sermons on "The Bible Standard of Christian Living" at the Methodist church Sunday morning. The Lord's Supper will be observed. Every member is urged to be present. The public is invited to hear this series of sermons.

Bill Davenport Wins Major Campaign Prize

Home and Club News

By Mary Frances Misenheimer

Schedule for Next Week

Monday, Busy Bee Club.
Tuesday, Hoke Club.
Wednesday a. m., Roper 4-H club.
Wednesday p. m., Roper club.
Thursday, Chapel Hill.
Friday, Beech Grove.
Saturday, curb market, 8:30 a. m.

Friday night the Cool Spring club plans to have a New Year party at the home of Mrs. W. V. Hays. All of the members are urged to be present.

The following women were winners in the Ball canning contest: Mrs. W. B. Chesson, Pleasant Grove.

Mrs. Fred Smith, Creswell.
Mrs. Joe Snell, Cool Spring.
Mrs. Asby, Cool Spring.
Mrs. Jane Vail, Swain.

The following are officers elected for Lake Farm Club during the year 1937:

Miss Pennie Craddock, president.
Miss Ida Davis, secretary.
Leaders: Garden, Mrs. Paul Clifton; canning, Mrs. Lesley Davenport.

January 13, Miss Mary E. Thomas, extension nutritionist specialist, is to be in Plymouth at the home agent's office to hold a leaders' school for all the food leaders in the county. It is very important that the leaders from every club be present. Notices will be sent to each leader concerning this meeting. The meeting will be held in the afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock.

Each club is planning to set goals for which to work toward during the year 1937. At the January meeting, please have in mind some specific goals you want your club to attain.

Extends Town Congratulations

To the Editor:

I want to use a little space in your paper to express my congratulations to the citizens of Plymouth and also visitors on their conduct Christmas Eve night. I spent a few hours on the street meeting friends and did not see but two men under the influence of whisky. How pleasing it was not to see an open barroom leading the boys and girls to hell, just for a little tax as some are doing.

I am proud to know that Washington County has not gotten so poor that it has to sell whisky to pay taxes. I wonder if all towns that have barrooms can say as much for themselves. When I was a boy, there were seven barrooms in Plymouth and several more about the county. It was pitiful to see young men and old men staggering out of them with a silly smile.

I am glad the citizens of Washington County have not permitted whisky to be sold in open barrooms so far; and I hope they never will.

J. H. GAYLORD, Sr.
Roper, N. C.

Blaze Wednesday Does \$1,000 Damage

Fire, probably ignited by sparks, gutted the rear of the E. R. Jackson building here on Water Street Wednesday night doing damage estimated at \$1,000 by Fire Chief L. W. Gurkin.

Charlie Jackson, sleeping in the building, awoke to find the building ablaze. He fled, saving but little of his clothing and none of the furnishing of his room. Firemen extinguished the fire and prevented its spread to the Norfolk Southern freight station nearby.

No one was injured, but, as usual, firemen damaged their clothes that they hurriedly pulled on as they were leaving their homes in haste.

Takes \$535 in Cash At Final Drawing Monday This Week

\$100 in Other Prizes Also Awarded; 1,500 People Attend Drawing

Bill Davenport, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Davenport, received \$535 in cash as the holder of the ticket drawn Monday at the conclusion of the merchants' business-getting campaign. More than 1,500 people were present at the drawing.

Other winners were as follows: \$25, Hugh Patrick and Mrs. Richard Lucas; \$15, Linwood Knowles and Annie Smith (colored); \$10, Ben Spencer and Mrs. W. R. Hampton. Seventy-five dollars was awarded that had not been previously promised by the merchants.

The merchants collected, through their campaign of selling the tickets to those tradesmen interested about \$1,000, and this represents a business done in the months of November and December of \$100,000, either in cash transactions or in cash paid on account.

This sharing of their profits was made possible by the merchants cooperating, without any increase in their prices, and many of them advertised weekly good bargains that added to their expense, thus carrying a heavy burden.

J. R. Manning, of the Plymouth Motor Company, guaranteed the prizes, and the merchants in turn cooperated with him and the prizes were delivered as advertised in October, except for the additional \$75 that was delivered on Monday.

This is the second year that this plan has been used by the local merchants.

T. F. Connors Will Leave This Week

T. F. Connors, unit manager here, who has been assigned the duties of salesman for the National Handle Company, is expected to leave here this week-end. It is hoped that if another man with a family is not located here by the handle firm that Mr. Clarence A. White, local manager of the Kieckhefer Container Company, will live in the Third Street residence formerly occupied by Mr. Connors.

Mr. White will have an office in the Leggett Building on Water Street for a while. W. M. Carey, superintendent of the plant, is expected to live in the Martin home on the suburbs of the town, while Mr. Myers, of the James E. Stewart Construction Company, which will build the plant, is expected to live in the Lyon residence on Main Street. However, there may be some change in the homes of these people. Mr. White hopes to be here by the week-end.

Final Rites for Mrs. Isadore Tarkenton

Funeral services were held Thursday for Mrs. Isadore Tarkenton, 74, who died Wednesday morning, Dr. G. A. Martin, of Creswell, officiated, assisted by Rev. M. L. Ambrose, of Roper. Mrs. Tarkenton was a native of Washington County. Interment took place in a cemetery near the home.

Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. G. C. Phelps and Mrs. John Furlough; a sister, Mrs. J. L. Cahoon. Active pall-bearers were Dr. C. McGowan, W. W. Mizelle, L. E. Hassell, J. C. Knowles, R. W. Lewis, R. L. Stillman, Eli Phelps, and Alton Turner.

CRESWELL MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN MEETING

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Creswell M. E. Church met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. H. T. Jackson. This was a harvest meeting and there was a good attendance and a very interesting program.

After the meeting a social hour was enjoyed, and refreshments were served. Miss Helen Spruill was a visitor at the meeting. New officers were elected.

State Senator Will Propose Election of Highway Officials

J. C. Pittman, of 13th District, Preparing Bill for Legislature

J. C. Pittman, senator for the 13th district, composed of Wake, Chatham and Lee Counties, plans to introduce a bill providing for the election of a state highway commission by the people in the general assembly of 1937.

He will present a proposal to make the council of state the commission, with probably other appointive members chosen by the governor. But he will have these popularly elected officials dominate the road policy. He will provide that they serve without pay beyond that given as annual salaries. By this place he hopes to democratize the commission and its work and to save considerable money in the operation.

Senator Pittman finds the set-up of the present State Highway and Public Works Commission objectionable. He does not think the chairman should be called upon to "approve his own actions," yet that is what the senator says is being done. He does not seem to have aught against anybody connected with the commission. In fact, he says they are exceptionally good men. But he thinks the chairman goes ahead and does things, then comes along and endorses his own doings.

The whole theory behind Senator Pittman's proposed bill is democratization of the road building organization. He thinks the secretary of state, the treasurer, auditor, superintendent of public instruction and attorney general should be the commission, "with possible desirability of retaining for business balance, three men to be appointed by the governor, with respect to geographical location, or as the governor might see fit, or it might and perhaps would be well to let three members, whose terms do not expire in 1937" remain on that board. But he wishes to have persons who "are fresh from the people" and the council of state members are all directly elected by the people.

Under his scheme the lieutenant governor would be chairman of the board and a full-time secretary would be employed. That man or woman would receive "courteously and with every consideration complaints and petitions of those desiring to file same and arrange for hearings." Senator Pittman says it is imperative that the state get the maximum of benefits from the highway organization.

There is a special fitness, he feels, in having the state superintendent of public instruction a member of the commission. That official deals with more than 700,000 school children, and getting them to school is a great problem. The attorney general would have the legal business of the commission, and, of course, the treasurer and the auditor would have their constitutional functions to perform with the money. The senator does not doubt that this commission would set highway work in the right direction. He thinks there has been a gradual drift from the original purposes of this commission, and he would return to that aim which he conceives to be the building of roads for the people that will carry them at all times in all sorts of weather to their markets.

It is quite the most novel proposal that has been advanced in the highway department since it was created in its present form more than 15 years ago. The department has taken on prison management and working the highways with prison labor. Mr. Pittman has not yet reached that issue nor has he allowed himself to get diverted by the proposal to divert highway funds for general purposes.

MRS. HESTER WOODLEY CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Hester Woodley, widow of the late G. F. Woodley, was given a surprise birthday dinner Saturday December 26, by her children at the home of her oldest daughter, Mrs. W. S. Ainsley.

The dining room was beautifully decorated with flowers, and her presents were placed on a small table beside her chair. All of her children were present but two, and most of her grandchildren and great grandchildren were there to enjoy the feast.

Mrs. Woodley has 10 living children, 54 grandchildren, and 32 great grandchildren.

Plymouth Facing New Year With Confidence

Past Twelve Months Very Favorable To Town and County

Pulp Plant and Pickle Plant Locating Here Leading Developments

Facing the future with confidence as the departing year has recorded favorable history, Washington County and Plymouth continued their move toward the front of the progressive towns.

Old 1936 has been very favorable in almost every way. The New Year finds this county and town happy over the circumstances that have brought a million-dollar pulp plant, \$35,000 pickle plant, \$150,000 appropriation for paving highway No. 97.

Then there are the benefits that are to be derived from the \$1,500,000 bridge that will span the Albemarle Sound. The project of Scuppernon Farms, a \$300,000 Rural Resettlement Administration project, an increase in wages for over 400 employees of the Plymouth Box & Panel Company, payroll increase of 7 1/2 per cent at the National Handle Company; all of these are 1936 benefits.

A new Sinclair service station, to be operated by the Plymouth Motor Company, with J. R. Manning in charge, is being erected on Water and Jefferson streets. This town's population during the coming year is expected to jump from 2,000 to at least 3,500. Numbers of new homes will be built.

Business will benefit from the construction of houses to care for the newcomers, and from the payrolls of the plants that are moving in, and from the industries that have been here all the while.

The Kieckhefer Container Company will have an estimated payroll of \$6,000 weekly; Plymouth Box & Panel Company, \$4,000 weekly; National Handle Company, \$700 weekly; C. C. Lang & Company pickle plant, about \$50,000 for season; and from all the other industries and from farm crops income the total should mount into millions for the year.

Bob Phelps, of Ahsokie, will operate the old Brinkley Hotel as an up-to-date hostelry after renovations. It is rumored that Belk-Tyler Company, dry-goods organization, will locate a store here. The Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company is expected to return a grocery unit here. It has even been whispered that D. V. Clayton will be returned here as cashier of a local branch of the Guaranty Bank & Trust Co.

C. C. Purdy Manager Handle Plant Here

C. C. Purdy, of Fort Wayne, Ind., is here today as temporary manager of the National Handle Company, a unit of the American Fork and Hoe Company, succeeding T. F. Connors who has been made salesman for several states with headquarters in Atlanta.

Mr. Purdy has been with the company for years, but it is not certain that he will be made permanent manager of the plant here. In fact, he is down for a few weeks and it is not known how long he plans to stay. Mr. Connors was one of the best liked managers by the employees that has ever been in charge of the local plant since it was started here about 20 years ago.

Rotary Governor Here This Week

Edmund H. Harding, of Washington, N. C., district governor of the 57th district of Rotary International, was in Plymouth this week looking toward the organization of a Rotary Club here. For the past year or more the organization of a Rotary Club has been considered and today 20 men signified their desire to have a Rotary Club in Plymouth, and it is thought that the organization will be perfected within the next two weeks. New Rotary Clubs in Windsor, Robersonville and Manteo have been organized since November.

About Town

Farmers are faced with a somewhat critical feeding situation, similar to that of 1934, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in the United States Department of Agriculture said today. "It is again necessary for feeders to reduce livestock numbers, especially hogs, and to curtail feeding operations. However, unless the winter is unusually severe, domestic feeding will be less critical than two years ago," said the report.

Lawrence B. Slater, known as "Larry," special representative of Lions International, working out of Chicago, has been in Plymouth this week with Mr. Phillips, of Washington, organizing a local unit of Lions. This luncheon club enjoyed its first meeting Wednesday night at Ausbon's Luncheonette.

The Beacon office has been besieged with visitors this week seeking information on the location of the pulp plant here by the Kieckhefer Container Company, of Delair, N. J. Many of them are looking for work. They, in turn, have been directed to Z. V. Norman, attorney, who has been handling much of the affairs locally for the new concern.

"Guess there are a number of disappointed children this Christmas, as no snow has fallen," said Leon Rose, a trainman on the A. C. L., who thinks that no less than 100 sleds were handled by the train crew preceding the holidays. It is thought that more than 100 bicycles were distributed hereabouts also.

The Young Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet Monday evening, January 4, at the home of Mrs. Hal Williford at 8 o'clock, with Mrs. W. F. Winslow presiding.

The January meeting of the Senior Woman's Club will be held Friday afternoon at 3:30 in the Legion Hall. Mrs. B. G. Campbell is chairman of the program, which will be a study of art. Hostesses are Mesdames W. C. Jones, R. H. Lucas, Sam Lucas and H. A. Liverman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Latham spent the holidays here with friends, including Mrs. Latham's mother, Mrs. A. D. Bassinger. Mr. Latham is located in Spartanburg, S. C., as property and supply officer of region 2 of the soil conservation service. For years Mr. Latham was accountant at the old Wilts Veneer Company plant here.

Services at the Grace Episcopal church have been rearranged by the Rev. S. J. Matthews, rector, who is now giving some time to churches in Hyde County. For a while he will be here on the first Sunday mornings at 11 and on third Sunday nights at 7:30.

They are telling on the streets that this week-end will be the beginning of a cold spell. The thermometer may drop to freezing. This is printed to warn those against this event creeping up on them, freezing auto radiators and waterworks and catching some without fuel. "Better look out" and don't forget the Beacon told you.

SUPERIOR COURT BEGINS MONDAY; TWO-WEEK TERM

Judge J. Paul Frizelle, of Snow Hill, To Preside; 25 Civil Cases

Washington County Superior Court will open here Monday, January 4, with Judge J. Paul Frizelle, of Snow Hill, scheduled to preside over the two-week mixed term, with criminal cases docketed for the first three days, and then for 25 civil cases on the calendar.

So far as is known, there has been no change in the jurist to preside. There are a number of cases that deal with important matters, but there are no capital cases that are expected to be concluded. Thirty-six jurors have been subpoenaed.

FORM LIONS CLUB HERE AT MEET HELD THIS WEEK

E. F. Still Elected President; W. L. Whitley Secretary

Charter night has been set for February 4, and meetings will be held each Thursday at noon, it was decided at the organization meeting of the Lions Club held in Ausbon's Luncheonette here Wednesday evening.

The club was organized with 24 members from among the representative business men in Plymouth present to hear a speech by Bill Rogers, of Wilson, lieutenant governor of Lions in North Carolina, and talks by Larry Slater, of Chicago, who organized the local unit.

Officers are E. F. Still, president; with the following vice presidents in the order named: P. W. Brown, J. W. Norman and Dr. T. L. Bray, with W. L. Whitley as secretary and treasurer. J. R. Manning is tail twister and E. H. Liverman, lion tamer. Directors are H. E. Harrison, H. A. Williford, A. L. Owens, and A. E. Davenport.

Charter members not mentioned above follow: Dr. Wade Johnson, W. M. Darden, T. C. Burgess, L. S. Thompson, A. J. Riddle, E. A. Harrison, Lloyd Gilbert, Shep Brinkley, Don Davis, Z. V. Norman, C. L. Blount, Dr. Alban Papineau and Walter H. Paramore.

The organization of the Lions Club is regarded as a progressive step in local efforts to build a better Plymouth. This is the largest business and professional men's civic service organization in America and is non-political, non-sectarian, non-secret, and non-profit. The Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs are similar organizations. Membership is by invitation only.

District Governor Virgil J. Ashbaugh, of Durham, will officially charter the organization on February 4, at which time ladies will be invited by the members. Special entertainment will feature the event. Place of the charter meeting and for weekly meetings will be arranged later.

FINAL DECISION ON SHAD FISHING EXPECTED SOON

Board of Conservation and Development To Meet January 11-12

A final decision on regulations for taking shad during the current season is expected to be made at the regular winter meeting of the Board of Conservation and Development scheduled to be held in Raleigh the 11th and 12th of this month.

The special committee appointed several weeks ago is to study the shad situation with a view of recommending measures to check the steady decline experienced in the industry for more than a quarter of a century is expected to be ready to submit its report to the Board at the meeting this month.

This committee consists of J. L. Horne, jr., Rocky Mount; Jas. L. McNair, Laurinburg; and E. S. Askew, Windsor. Recently the group held a series of conferences with fishermen interested in this branch of the fisheries in several coastal towns, including Manteo, Edenton and Oriental. At these gatherings, the committee, with Director R. B. Etheridge and Capt. John A. Nelson, fisheries commissioner, listened to the viewpoints of the fishermen and received their suggestions.

Officials of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries have recommended rigid restrictions of open periods and other means of saving a larger stock of spawning fish for the production of future crops. Members of the conservation board have expressed their hope of reconciling the obvious necessity of providing for the escapement of more spawning fish, as nearly as possible, with the welfare of those engaged in the industry.

The Board is also expected to consider a program for the promotion of the tourist and industrial facilities of the State which will be submitted to the General Assembly at the session in January. Reports will also be heard from the director and the various division heads. General legislative matters are also said to be scheduled for discussion by the board.