

BICYCLES ARE AGAIN BECOMING IMPORTANT IN TRANSPORTATION AS AUTOMOBILES GET SCARCER

Public Resorts to Bikes for Health, Fun and Low-Cost Conveyance

Bicycles are coming to the forefront as a means of conveyance with the bikes in Washington County being used for pleasure, for exercise and in commerce for delivering packages. Low-cost of conveyance is an important factor in the return to wheels.

It was estimated this week by a dealer that there are about 1,200 bicycles in this county that has about 13,000 people. Many families have one or more bikes, the dealer said. He also said that the ownership of bicycles was confined almost entirely to those families with children.

Principal R. B. Trotman said that between 75 and 100 bicycles are ridden to the Plymouth High School daily by the boys and girls who live some distance from the school but are not eligible to ride the school buses. Many are ridden to the other schools in the county.

Mrs. Harry Daniels, here with her mother, Mrs. Eliza Hampton, uses

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her brother's bicycle to do her errands about the town. She says that bicycling is good exercise, saves time and provides a very convenient method of carrying packages when equipped with baskets.

With a scarcity of tires for delivery trucks at stores here it is believed that in a few months unless some method is discovered to remedy the rubber shortage that the grocers here will come to depend more than at any time in recent years on bicycles for deliveries.

There is an ever growing number of men who ride bicycles to the industrial plants located some distance from Plymouth. The colored employees do most of the cycling to work now but when the scarcity of tires forces many cars from the highways there will be an increased number of white people riding to work.

An ever increasing number of bicycle riders are seen in England and other foreign countries because of the shortage of automobiles, tires and gasoline, and today in this country a number of persons with hard-surfaced roads available through the country are taking to the roads on their bikes riding to town to come to shows and to trade. There are so many people riding to the theatre here in Plymouth that Shep Brinkley has erected a bicycle stand in front of the box office of the Plymouth Theatre where the vehicles can be watched.

Physical education teachers have long taught the advantages of bicycle riding for health. Some women have taken this up as a method of reducing. Others like to get into the open air after working in offices plants or homes all day and find that it invigorates them. Many young folks have riding parties here now in the summer months and they can be seen riding over the streets in groups.

Observers today said that the bicycles may not quickly return as a mode of conveyance for the girl and her boy friend as the tandem did in the old days.

Dealers say that so far there are apparently plenty of bicycles available for the trade. This is true despite the shortage of steel. Some say that this is true because of the large stock on hand when the country entered the war. It was also said that there were plenty of bicycle tires on hand but that reports had it that they were no longer being manufactured.

If the present shortage of rubber and the anticipated shortage of gasoline and other commodities including the cars themselves continues, and the bicycles continue available, there will be a much larger number of bikes in the county next year.

Bicycle manufacturers apparently tried some years ago to again popularize the riding of bikes by showing movie actresses in shorts and even movie actors in slacks pedalling around the shores at summer resorts. Now at practically every resort there are bicycles to rent.

Another observer said that with steel rims and other improvements made on bicycles that they lasted longer than in the old days when warped wooden rims caused many headaches to bike riders. But so far there has not sprung up the bicycle shops where they were repaired and rented as in the old days.

An old timer predicted today that unless there was a speedy end to this war, that within a few months there might be more bicycles on the streets than autos on the highways.

David Albert Hurley, a young man who is now with the Army in Hawaii, proved that the bicycle, though slow and tiresome, could travel long distances. Many travellers can be seen now on the highways with their little packs tied on their wheel as they trek from one side of the continent to the other.

The toughest fighting men that the Marines ever met were the Moros who are natives of the southern Philippines.

Home-Club Notes

By Mrs. MARY F. DARDEN, Home Agent

Schedule for Next Week

Monday, Beech Grove Club, Tuesday, Cross Roads Club, Wednesday, Cool Spring Club, Thursday, Pine Grove Club, Friday, Lake Farm Club, Saturday, curb market, 8:30.

Poultry Report

Scuppernon club: Chickens sold, \$34; turkeys, \$98; eggs, \$400. Cherry club: Chickens sold, \$93; eggs, \$473.65. Mount Tabor club: Chickens sold, \$16.80; eggs, \$37.20. County Bridge club: Chickens, \$25.09; eggs, \$45.50.

It is important to have a cow for every family. Milk is one food that should be used daily and in large quantities. A pint for each adult and a quart for each child.

In the clubs each month a check is made on the amount of milk consumed and sold. It is found that only a small amount is sold, but a large quantity is given to neighbors.

Scuppernon club sold \$17.25 worth of milk and butter. Cherry club sold \$79.40 worth of milk and butter. One new cow has been bought in that club.

County Bridge club sold \$23.25 worth of milk and cream. Chapel Hill club sold \$30 worth of milk and cream.

Roper club sold \$50 worth of milk and cream; \$20 paid for a calf.

Meat Canning Demonstration

The home agent and Miss Mizelle, home management supervisor of the FSA, are planning to have a meat canning demonstration in Plymouth Saturday afternoon, February 28, at 2 o'clock, in the agriculture building.

Stamp Is Necessary On Package Seed to Be Sold This State

Merchants Forced by Law To Purchase Inspection Stamps

Raleigh—Any wholesaler of package seed making shipments to North Carolina merchants are required by law to purchase and affix inspection stamps, "and merchants informed to the contrary are being misled," D. S. Coltrane, assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture, announced today.

Meanwhile, the seed inspection force of the State Department of Agriculture is planning an intensive campaign against dealers in package seed to which inspection stamps have not been attached.

"The 1941 Seed Act passed by the General Assembly places the responsibility of securing inspection stamps for package seed on the wholesaler shipping seed into the State," Coltrane explained. "Stop sale orders will be issued immediately where package seed are found without inspection stamps."

Four wholesalers of package seed are complying with the inspection stamp provisions of the Seed Law: Job P. Wyatt and Sons of Raleigh; Buxton White Seed Company, of Elizabeth City; T. W. Wood and Sons of Richmond, Va. and the Hy Grade Seed Company, of Fredonia, N. Y. "Other wholesalers," Coltrane em-

A representative of a company which makes canners will give the demonstration and he will also test pressure gauges and demonstrate the cleaning and care of pressure equipment. You are urged to attend this demonstration and to bring your friends.

House Furnishing Reports

Scuppernon club: 4 stoves, radio, 3 rooms painted, hall and pantry painted, 20 pairs curtains, 23 shades, 4 rugs, 7 kitchen utensils.

Cherry club: 2 mattresses, 3 rugs, 2 blankets, 14 shades, 17 pairs curtains, 2 stoves, 15 utensils.

Mount Tabor club: 2 rugs, 8 pairs curtains, 1 set porch furniture, 6 pieces furniture painted, 1 new stove, 8 shades.

County Bridge club: 3 rugs, 2 couch covers made, 4 pieces furniture painted, kitchen and kitchen furniture painted, 1 chair upholstered.

Victory Garden

Make successive plantings of the following vegetables two weeks apart:

Early spring: Lettuce, 2 plantings; mustard, 2 plantings; Bermuda onion plants, 1 planting; onion sets, 2 plantings; garden peas, 2 plantings; Irish potatoes, 1 planting; kale, 2 plantings; squash, 2 plantings.

Early summer: cabbage, 1 planting; beets, 2 plantings; snap beans, 3 plantings; garden peas, 2 plantings; sweet corn, 2 plantings; turnips, 1 planting; carrots, 2 plantings; lima beans, 2 plantings; tomatoes, 2 plantings.

Every family should have a supply of one or more of the small fruits in addition to the supply of vegetables from the Victory Gardens. Now is the time to set out strawberries, dewberries, blackberries and grapes.

phazied, "are assuming an indifferent attitude to the law and some merchants are being misinformed as to the requirements under the inspection stamp provision of the act."

The provision of the Seed Law, requiring that inspection stamps be affixed by wholesalers on package seed shipped into the State, follows:

"A \$1 inspection stamp shall be purchased from the Department of Agriculture for each 72 dozen packages of vegetable or flower seeds, or fraction thereof. The said stamp shall be secured by the producer, grower, jobber or other person, firm or corporation shipping such seed into the State before shipment to agent or retailer, and shall be furnished to said agent or retailer for attachment to display case."

Conditions Can Cause Cow To "Hold Up" Her Milk

Yes, a cow can hold up her milk, says Prof. Fred M. Haig of the State College Animal Industry Department, but she does not do so willingly. The secretion of milk is an entirely voluntary process. This condition is caused by some unusual conditions around the barn, which causes

the cow to become nervous. Excessive noises, barking dogs, unkind treatment, and irregular feeding are almost sure to make a cow "hold up" her milk. Cows handled gently will seldom "hold up" their milk.

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