

Plan Meeting Of Growers, Crate Manufacturers

Meet In Rose Hill May 29 To Discuss Possible Use Of 24-Quart Crate

In cooperation with strawberry growers, buyers, crate manufacturers and members of the State and County Agricultural Extension Service, a series of meetings relative to strawberries, their growth and marketing, will be held next week in three centrally located towns in the Wallace strawberry area.

The first meeting will be held Friday afternoon, May 29, at 2:30 o'clock in the auditorium of Rose Hill high school; the second that night in Mount Olive; the third in Burgaw Saturday.

All strawberry growers, as well as buyers and crate manufacturers, are urged to attend one of these meetings. P. D. May, assistant farm agent, stated, as pertinent topics relative to the berry industry in this section will be featured.

Whether or not berry growers and crate manufacturers should adopt a 24-quart crate instead of the present 32-quart crate, is to be the chief topic of discussion, it is understood. This type is in use in the Columbus County area and indications are that such a crate will prove of especial benefit in this area.

Among the speakers slated to appear on the program at Rose Hill, are: Dr. Charles Dearing, director of the Coastal Plain Experiment station; P. D. May, Assistant County Agent; Dr. Luther D. Shaw, plant pathologist; G. A. Meckstroth, plant disease specialist; W. A. Thomas, entomologist; J. P. Quinley, County Agent, Columbus County; W. H. Shearin, assistant County Agent, Columbus County; R. B. Etheridge, chief of the North Carolina Division of Markets.

ORDER 350 BUSES FOR N. C. SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Dearborn, Mich., May 18.—An order for 350 Ford V-8 school bus chassis for use by school districts has been awarded by the State of North Carolina to Sanders Motor Co., Raleigh, it was announced recently at the home office of the Ford Motor Company.

The contract gives the state an option on the purchase of 75 additional school bus chassis.

Of the first order awarded to Ford, the great majority will be for bus bodies accommodating 70 school children. The chassis will be supplied by the Ford Motor Company assembly branch at Norfolk, Va. Bodies will be supplied by North Carolina manufacturers.

DUPLIN BOY IS AMONG WAKE FOREST SENIORS

Wake Forest, May 20.—Albert D. Fulford of Warsaw is Duplin County's representative among the 140 seniors who will receive degrees from Wake Forest College at its 102nd commencement exercises on June 2.

Fulford, a son of Mrs. Laura Fulford, will be issued the North Carolina High School Teacher's certificate, Class A, as well as the Bachelor of Science degree.

In its more than a century of service to the state and nation, Wake Forest has graduated approximately 16,000 men, 90 percent of whom are native North Carolinians.

Miss Jane Bradshaw, 69, is buried in Magnolia.

Signing of Work Sheets For Voluntary Soil Conservation Program to Stop On May 31

Work sheets, a necessary requirement in getting the new soil conservation program underway and a prerequisite for producers who aim to benefit from this voluntary program, must be filled by May 31, the office of County Agent L. L. McLendon announced to Duplin farmers this week.

Signing of work sheets began a little over a month ago, but thus far many Duplin farmers have been too busy to meet with township committeemen, therefore, it was stated, the committeemen will make one final canvas in each township. They will work during three days of next week only, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If receptive growers fail to meet the committeemen they can fill their work sheets at the office of the County Agent. All signing will cease by May 31, however.

No farmer can receive payment under the soil conservation program unless he has filled out and signed a work sheet which gives information relative to the acreage on all crops grown on his land in 1935 as well as what he plans to cultivate this year. (Please Turn to Page Ten)

Duplin Girls To Boost Festival

Advance Sale Season Tickets To Strawberry Festival Gets Underway

The pick of Duplin's daughters, dressed in red and white costumes, will sally forth next week as leaders of the advance guard for the annual Strawberry Festival here June 1-6. These girls will not only display the best points of the holiday season, but they will also vie with each other for honors in the sale of season tickets in every section of Eastern North Carolina.

The two top leaders in sales will be appropriately honored. (Please Turn to Page Ten)

Festival Preparations Show Popularity Annual Holiday

BARDEN COMING

Graham A. Barden has written Mayor J. A. Harrell that he will be at the opening of the annual Strawberry Festival here June 1-6, providing pending legislation does not prohibit.

Congressman Barden was among those at the opening last year. Many State officials, and possibly two or three gubernatorial candidates, will attend this year's festivities.

Tonsil Clinics To Begin Next Week

Tonsil clinics will be held in two locations in Duplin County next week, according to recent announcements.

Dr. Edward Bizzell, Goldsboro, noted eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, will conduct the first, slated to be held on the Kenansville high school, Wednesday. This clinic is sponsored by the Duplin County Health Department in cooperation with Dr. G. V. Gooding. Interested persons are asked to consult either Dr. R. L. Carr or Dr. Gooding.

The second clinic will be held the following Saturday in the Chinquapin high school. Mrs. C. E. Seawell, Chinquapin, states that a Wilmington surgeon will conduct the operations. This will be the fifth tonsil clinic in the Chinquapin section. Over half a hundred persons had their tonsils removed at the previous clinics, it was stated.

MISS JANE BRADSHAW, 69, IS BURIED IN MAGNOLIA

Funeral services for Miss Jane Bradshaw, 69, were held in Magnolia Monday afternoon at the home of Mr. John Pope. Interment followed in the Magnolia cemetery. Rev. W. F. Walters officiated.

Miss Bradshaw died Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. Pope, where she had lived for the past several years. For the past year she had been in failing health, and her illness was more acute during the past week.

She was a member of the Methodist church.

Surviving are Mrs. M. M. Bradshaw, Mrs. J. M. Bradshaw, and Mrs. J. M. Bradshaw.

Hal Thurston, "South's King of Swing", Signed To Play For Dances

There will be no dearth of fresh air at the Strawberry Festival this year, for the Bray warehouse is equipped with 28 windows and four big doors, it was pointed out today. If the scene of the Festival is not cool, then additional arrangements will be made to keep patrons comfortable.

Decorations for the Festival are practically completed and are now giving a hint as to what will be the most elaborate display ever sponsored here. Merchants' booths will be constructed next week in keeping with the preliminary decorations of colored festooning, ceiling lights and side-walls, everything aimed to convey the holiday spirit.

In addition to free acts, which will be presented nightly, and featured nights throughout the week, the management has secured the services of Hal Thurston, the "South's King of Swing" and his orchestra. This brilliant musical aggregation, which has played in many cities in the South and broke attendance records at the Wagonwheels night club in Nashville, Tenn., will play nightly. A featured "Queen of the Ball" will be held Friday night, at which time the "Queen of the Festival" and her court will be honored.

Season ticket sales are already underway and the management expects a sell-out prior to the Festival opening. Indications are that the celebration this year will draw crowds from a radius of 200 miles, as it is planned to be the greatest event ever staged in honor of the strawberry.

ANOTHER CONVICT GETS AWAY FROM DUPLIN CAMP

George Hill, Kinston man serving an 18-month term for holding up J. E. Spears at his service station near Goldsboro more than a year ago, escaped from a road gang of the Kenansville Highway prison camp yesterday afternoon about one-thirty o'clock.

Goldsboro officers and others were immediately notified of his escape.

Population of the nation rises 3.5 percent to 127,521,000 in 5 years.

One Killed, Four Hurt In Accident Warsaw Sunday

Automobile Strikes Two Telephone Poles; Turns Over Seven Times

While speeding on their way toward the Carolina coast Sunday morning, one Raleigh man was instantly killed and four others injured, two seriously, as their automobile left Highway 40, struck two telephone poles and turned over seven times before coming to a stop on a railroad crossing on the northern outskirts of Warsaw.

T. E. Long, Jr., 23-year-old Raleigh electrician, died instantly. Bill Vurnakes, 20, driver of the automobile, suffers severe lacerations of the head and body bruises, and F. C. Jones, 18, has a fractured (Please Turn to Page Three)

Officers Capture Auto And Liquor

Wallace officers, after "tailoring" a suspicious automobile for nearly a week, got together Friday night in Grahamtown and came away with a model A Ford coupe and seven one-half gallon jars of what they said was "white lightning".

The driver of the automobile escaped, but the State Department of Revenue informed local officers that the licenses were issued to the name of Walter Fennel, of Ashton, Pender County.

The automobile was confiscated and will be sold at auction. Officers participating in the raid were Chief of Police F. L. Boone, H. B. Dunn, Carlyle Williams, and Albert Wells.

BURIAL SERVICES HELD FOR ACCIDENT VICTIM

Funeral services for Joe Bryan, 54, who died Thursday night after having been struck by an automobile, were held at the home near Wallace Saturday morning with Rev. W. P. M. Currie officiating. Interment followed in Rockfish Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife and eight children: Lorenzo, Carl B., Mildred and Berdie Mae Bryan, Mrs. R. M. Owen, all of Wallace, Reuben Bryan, Chinquapin, Jack Bryan, Rose Hill, and Mrs. W. A. Smith, Washington, D. C.

The deceased is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. K. Fountain, Beulaville, Mrs. Jim Rawls, Richlands, and Miss Alice Bryan, Wilmington.

Change Date 4-H Club Encampment

The date of encampment at Swannanoa for 4-H club members of Duplin County has been postponed from the first week in June as a result of conflicts on schedules on this date, P. D. May, assistant county agent, stated yesterday.

Due to the change, Duplin 4-H club members will hold their summer camp during the week of August 10-15, May said.

Marriage Licenses Issued

Marriage licenses were issued during the past week to five couples, one white and four colored, records in the office of the Register of Deeds revealed.

The white couple was Norman Hanchey and Virginia M. Cavanaugh. Colored couples were Edward Batts, Ethel Mae Boykin; Willie Graham, Willie Mae Morgan; William H. Jones, Lula Larsen; Robert Coley Corbett, Blanche Rich.

Duplin Democrats Hold Quiet Convention; Adopt Resolution To Elect Five Commissioners

In a public meeting as quiet as a motion picture theatre audience, Duplin County Democrats filled the courthouse auditorium Saturday morning for the annual pre-primary Democratic convention, the fore-runner of the State convention June 1, and elected delegates, passed resolutions regarding County Commissioners and taxes on land, and closed the session by giving President Franklin D. Roosevelt a rising vote of thanks.

Methodists Hold District Meeting

Methodists Wilmington District Meet In Clinton For Annual Conference

Approximately 500 Methodists from charges and churches of the Wilmington district of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, assembled in Clinton last Wednesday and Thursday in their annual Conference. Rev. W. A. Cade, presiding elder of the Wilmington district, presided over most of the sessions.

Each of the 30 pastoral charges in the district was represented by the pastor and four (Please Turn to Page Ten)

Northern Strawberries Also Damaged By Dry Weather

Delaware Crops Strawberries Especially Suffer \$250,000.00 Damage

The prevalence of mid-summer weather and a better feeling over improved crop prospects gave retail trade a livelier tone than the previous week.

There was no evidence of recession in industry, and in many instances plants were being expanded. Marked improvement in employment was reported by many cities, while the rising tide in construction continued.

Drought anxiety was removed in most sections as general rains stimulated pastures and speeded up planting with the result that crop conditions were excellent, although some previous injury had occurred. In Delaware, the Spring drought and drying winds resulted in \$250,000 crop damage, principally to strawberries, according to the Wilmington report.

The St. Louis report said rains had been beneficial, but there was still a deficiency of moisture. In the Louisville, New Orleans, Minneapolis, Houston, Dallas, Omaha and Pacific Coast regions, ground was in fine shape. The Jacksonville report estimated the value of Florida fruits and vegetables for the season at \$85,477,194.

Construction gains were general and in some cases noteworthy. Philadelphia reported permits issued for the four months period, of \$7,255,560, compared with \$1,991,420 in the same period last year. April permits in 25 Florida cities were valued at \$3,130,246, more than double the same period last year. In San Francisco permits for the four months were 89 percent ahead of last year. Similar gains took place in Dallas, Fort Worth, Detroit and other sections. In the Chicago suburban area, residential building continued active and considerable store remodeling was in progress. (Please turn to Page Eight)

LOCAL PRESBYTERIANS TO HAVE ANNUAL PARTY

The annual birthday party of the local Presbyterian Women's Auxiliary will be held Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. G. Sutherland. A pageant, "At the Foot of the Rainbow", under Mrs. Sutherland's direction, will be presented on the lawn.

Berry Sales On Wallace Market Uphold Average

Local Bean Movement Begins Next Week; Expect Long Season

With the strawberry season drawing to a close Wallace is still forging ahead as the greatest market in the world, for according to figures released by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service, the local market has maintained a consistently high average in receipts as well as gratifying daily volume, despite the drought which has swept over the area.

Clouds, that have taunted growers in this section for the past several days, finally got together Tuesday afternoon for a half-inch rain. This sprinkle, however is ineffectual for strawberries, but will probably result in inestimable value to tobacco farmers. Observers state that the early bean crop will get little benefit from rain at this time.

With strawberries on the wane, beans are expected to begin moving next week. At present the future of the bean market is doubtful, but buyers hold the opinion that the daily movement will be light, and that the season will be drawn out over several weeks. Another good rain, they believe, will strengthen the daily sales.

Strawberry sales during the past week totaled approximately 5,250 32-quart crates, far ahead of competing markets. Receipts were in the range of the season's average.

TWO LOCAL CLUB WOMEN TO ATTEND FARM MEET

The Tommie Williams Home Demonstration Club met Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Stedman Carr. Due to the absence of the president, Mrs. Stephen Herring, Mrs. Pearl Blanchard presided over the meeting.

Miss Jayme Martin, Duplin Home Demonstration Agent, gave a very interesting demonstration on "The Making of sheets, pillow-cases, mattresses and feather comforts." The demonstration was followed by the usual leader's program, the leader of each project giving an interesting discussion.

Mrs. Carr was assisted by Mrs. Ralph Carlton in serving a frozen salad course.

Mrs. Colwell Smith and Mrs. Stedman Carr will represent the club at the International Federation of Farm Women, which is to be held in Washington, D. C., the first week in June.

BERRY MARKET BOOSTED BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

It isn't often that small towns get their names spread all over the continent, but the Associated Press, one of the largest newsgathering agencies in the world, this week gave Wallace a boost as the "world's largest strawberry market". A feature story on the strawberry market, and bearing a Wallace dateline, was telegraphed over the country for the nation to know from whence the best and most strawberries originate.

The story on the whole was rather complimentary, but so somewhat derogatory as described the auction shed as being "dilapidated".

Bill Hussey, the star strawberry auctioneer, came in for a portion of the comment, given a boost for the Festival, which he was quoted as saying he held in June as "the only one" that has time to count money until the market closes.

Treasury's huge gold vault at Fort Knox is nearly completed.