

ROARING RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

Ground Improvement
 Due to Federal Aid Relief Fund we have been able to improve our school grounds this year for more than we had expected and at the same time give work to the unemployed. The appearance of our school ground is now really something to boast about.

The space between the two buildings has been made into a beautiful play ground. The trees have been cut down and all the stumps removed. In this space two base ball diamonds have been made, one for the boys and one for the girls. A tennis court has also been made which furnishes another means of recreation.

The front lawn has been sowed in grass, and trees and shrubbery planted around the building. This has added much to the appearance of the school building.

Faces Hangman's Noose



Winnie Ruth Judd, photographed in her state prison cell at Florence, Ariz., from where she still fights to evade the gallows on April 21, on a conviction for murder.

Library
 Last year every student in school was asked to donate as many books as possible to the school library. Very soon each room had a large number of books to contribute. New books were bought and added to the library; so that it now consists of 600 volumes. These books have met the requirements for a standard high school library, since it was one of the requirements that had to be met in order for the school to become a standard high school.

Mr. Combs, a member of the State Board of Education, inspected the school a short time ago. A few days later the school received fourteen books from him as a present to the library.

Enrollment
 Due to the consolidation that has taken place in the county, the enrollment of the Roaring River school has greatly increased in the past two years. The total enrollment last year was four hundred and sixty-four. This year the enrollment is four hundred and eighty-three, which makes this school one of the largest rural schools in the county. The new school building is not large enough to accommodate this number, therefore two rooms in the old school building have been used throughout this year as class-rooms. The old school building stands about 100 yards back of the main building.

With the increase in the student body, there has also been an increase in the number of teachers. Two new teachers were added to the faculty this year, making a total of ten teachers. Miss Silver of Guilford College has proved very efficient in the high school work. Miss Silver also coached the girls basketball team this year. Miss Mary Louise Ferguson of Appalachian Training school has proved an excellent second grade teacher.

In order to transport the children a new school bus was obtained this year, making a total of three buses. However children on these buses have been very crowded and another bus or two is needed.

For the first time in the history of the Roaring River school there is to be a graduating class. This senior class is composed of twelve members. Every one is very proud of this senior class because of the prestige and honor.

Programs This Year
 Several rather successful programs have taken place during the school term this year in the high school auditorium. On October 5 was held a pie supper in which a number of pies were sold. At this time Inez McNeill, a member of the ninth grade, received a lovely box of candy for being the most charming girl present. Miss Pauline Church and John Elliott happened to be the lucky "cake-walkers" and were rewarded with a large cake. Proceeds were used on the school ground.

Followed by this on January 21 the high school gave a play, "The Early Bird," a very entertaining and pleasing three-act comedy-drama, in which some of the students demonstrated fine talent. The play drew a large crowd who seemingly enjoyed it very much.

Again on March 11 another pie supper was held and seemed to be a rather enjoyable occasion.

At this time Miss Pearl Foushee, a member of the senior class was awarded the box of candy for being the prettiest girl present. Proceeds were used for paying for library books.

Through the whole of the school year chapel programs have been conducted in a very interesting and systematic way. Chapel for the whole school was held only once each week, at which time some grade with its teacher was responsible for conducting chapel. In this way each had a chance to present something worthwhile to the rest of the school. Often the program

was based on the celebration of some holiday.

Sports
 On the account of financial conditions, the school was not able to get a new gymnasium this year. However, a plan was worked out which proved to be very successful one. Petitions in the old school building were removed and room sufficiently lighted, making it a very nice gymnasium. Though a little below the standard in size, it has well served the purpose this year, and was no doubt one of the factors in making a good basketball season.

The high school this year has no doubt, experienced its best year in basketball for some time. This does not mean that the varsity teams were victorious in all games played this year, nor, on the other hand does it mean that we have attained less than success.

The school as a whole has taken part, enjoyed and in a great way profited from basketball. Not only have the varsity teams been given the advantage of play and practice, but all members of the high school, as far as possible, have been given equal advantages to partake in the sports. And the desire for such has been good. The feeling that every one must engage in activity was prevalent. Not only were the students alone full of vim and enthusiasm for the game. For the first time in the history of the game, a "Star Team," composed mostly of teachers, was organized. Though badly handicapped, of course, in the fact that it was a side-line team and in lack of practice for some years, this team found enough ability to conquer one of the most forward girls teams of the county, that of Ronda High School by a score of 14-10.

This year in basketball we have had, more than usual, a better spirit expressed, more feeling of satisfaction, more individual profit, in the way of enjoyment and health benefits, reaped from the game. Because of this fact we feel that we are growing, perhaps by slow degrees, that great present-day aim of leading educators who believe that the greatest purpose of physical education is not merely putting the few best individuals of a group out to play before the public in a more or less commercialized way; instead it is stressing physical education for the group as a whole and not the few stronger individuals who are able to use best their bodies or have already a desire for athletics.

In other words we feel that we are more and more becoming aware of the real need and resultant value of exercise through some form of physical education for every child as a contribution to the upbuilding of the bodies of all growing children which tends to make a stronger American youth, both in body and in mind.

Since the basketball season came to a close a few weeks ago, the high school boys and girls have organized baseball teams and have also much interest in baseball.

Besides a new baseball diamond this year, the school is fortunate enough to have a good tennis court this spring which of course creates another means of diversion and activity.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
 Q.—How much grain should be fed to laying hens and what part should be fed in the morning?
 A.—Under ordinary conditions a flock of 100 hens will consume from ten to twelve pounds of grain a day. Smaller or larger flocks should be fed in proportion. In poultry feeding, the main object is to insure the hen a full crop before she goes to roost and for that reason one pound of grain is sufficient for morning feeding with the remainder of the grain fed late in the afternoon.

Stinting Chicks Is Always Expensive To Poultry Raiser

Profits May Be Lost When Proper Food Elements Are Not Included In Feed

The old copy book adage, "Do it right or not at all" applies particularly to chicken-raising where a later profit is expected. The baby chick is a delicate piece of mechanism that has definite requirements if best results are to be secured.

Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the State college poultry department, sums up the case like this: "The object in chick rearing is a short, intensive period of rapid but normal development for about ten weeks, and, then a gradual tapering off process in which the bird is not forced to a great extent, but is allowed to build up a large frame and constitutional vigor capable of carrying over the bird through a heavy, uninterrupted laying season. If the baby chick is to be properly developed, it must be a carefully blended ration, the right environment and good living conditions."

It is evident in North Carolina that many hundred farm owners are expecting poultry to furnish them with cash this season. Many have begun their chick rearing with an optimistic point of view only to learn as time goes on that chicks must be fed and that feed costs money. Sometimes it is difficult to finance the venture during the time the chicks are developing and this leads to a practice of makeshift substitutions.

Mr. Dearstyne says the food elements in a chick mash are placed there for a purpose. The birds must have protein, carbohydrates, fats, minerals and vitamins. An ample supply of pure water is needed at all times. The feeds comprising a chick's ration are not selected at random but are placed there for a purpose. Each food element has its special function to perform in the building of tissues, feathers, bone and the other vital necessities of proper development.

Home-grown feeds should be used to the fullest extent in preparing these rations but the chicks should not be stinted in their additional requirements, Dearstyne says.

The Family DOCTOR
 By John Joseph Gains, M. D.

LARYNGITIS
 I am struggling today with an attack of laryngitis. It occurs to me that my readers may be interested. You may get an attack, you know.

The larynx is the "vocal box" where the sounds of the voice are moulded into words. The "itis" signifies inflammation of the vocal cords. The first symptom is hoarseness, and is very pronounced. Not much pain, necessarily, at first. Pain indicates a more violent attack—see the doctor at once. My voice today sounds like that of an old hen with a grain of corn lodged in her wind-pipe!

It is weakening, sickening, disgusting. My work as a physician, takes me out in all sorts of weather, and at most all hours. There is much exposure—we call it that—and you must guard against it.

What am I doing for this distressing condition? Well, I have my neck wrapped with woolen,—with turpentine and oil of eucalyptus equal parts sopped on the cloth. The vapor from this does good. I keep the neck warm on the outside. I keep my feet extra warm. I take antiseptic such as Aspirin—and those containing a small per cent of formaldehyde—and let them dissolve in my mouth—five or six times a day. Of course, I attend to the regular function, good food, plenty of water, and take the best care of myself that I can. It has been most severe weather, and the climate in my state is treacherous; besides, some of these things are communicable—we must not forget that.

I admit that it takes courage to endure such attacks and remain on foot and at work. The patient who does as he should do, will go to bed, call his physician—and get well in half the time. Bear in mind that laryngitis may be a very dangerous condition. Better attend to it early.

"And why did Noah take two of each kind of animal into the ark?"
 "I guess he didn't believe that story about the stork."

Fifteen cars of cured sweet potatoes have been shipped to market by Pitt county farmers so far this season. The advance received has amounted to \$3,100.47.

Will Build Silos In Stanly County

Approximately 80 Farmers in That County Plan to Dig Them

Along with the opening of the cheese and butter factory at Albemarle in Stanly county, local farmers are making preparation to produce milk and cream more economically by the digging of trench silos for preserving the corn crop this season.

Approximately 80 farmers have already made arrangements with County Agent O. H. Phillips to have such silos dug on their farms, says F. R. Farnham, dairy field specialist at State college. Confidence in the new type of silo was given through the digging of one on the farm of P. E. Miller near Richburg last year. More than 200 farmers visited this silo during the winter and examined the results Mr. Miller was securing. As a result of this demonstration, two men have already prepared their silos and others will dig just as soon as the rush of spring work is over.

Mr. Farnham says that before many years have passed, dairymen will be using these economical silos to feed their cattle during 8 to 10 months in the year. In this way they will not fear the hot, dry weather of late summer which annually cuts the grazing in the permanent pastures.

"While many of our farmers in North Carolina are discouraged over the outlook for agriculture, it is evident that Stanly farmers are not," Farnham says. "It is true they are not pleased with present conditions but they are taking advantage of every opportunity to improve their farming operations. They are building their soils with legumes, adding cattle and otherwise preparing to take full advantage of the market offered them by the recent establishment of the butter and cheese factory."

Root Shrub Cuttings For Yard Plantings

Cutting of desirable perennial shrubs may be rooted in clean sand, grown in a rich plot and transferred to the yard at practically no cost and thus add to the beauty and value of the farmstead.

Glean O. Randall, horticulturist at State college, says the propagation of shrubs from seed is the simplest and most natural way to increase the supply for planting. Yet this does not always give the best results—especially where certain plants have been crossed. Another good way to

increase the supply of shrubs is to divide the old crowns where several stems grow out from the parent plant. In this case the work must be done in the fall. In the spring, however, Mr. Randall recommends the making of cuttings from the terminal growth of desirable shrubs and rooting these cuttings in clean sand or medium vermiculite. The cuttings may be made when growth is three to four inches in length. Use a sharp knife so that the tissues are not bruised and set the cuttings in clean, disease-free sand. Sand may be sterilized in small quantities by pouring boll-

ing water over it or baking the sand in the stove oven. Most growers experience trouble in rooting their cuttings because they rot at the surface of the ground. If the sand is sterilized, this trouble is prevented.

As soon as the cuttings have developed roots from one-half to one inch in length, they may be transplanted to the garden. Later the plants may be set in the yard according to the plan of landscaping being followed, Randall says.

Thirty-seven crop rotation plans have been adopted as demonstrations by Alamance county farmers this season.

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