

### SHORT COURSE FOR CLUB MEMBERS.

There is to be held at A. & M. College, August 17-20th, a "Short Course and Club Week" for the North Carolina members of the Boys' Agricultural Clubs. This is to be held during the first week of the annual Short Course for the County Demonstration Agents, to be held at the College. The boys and agents will be given Monday to get to Raleigh and get located. Work in earnest will begin Tuesday morning, August 17th. The regular lectures for the boys will be separate from the men's meetings. The mornings will be devoted to real practical instructions for the boys, in thirty minute lectures by members of the College faculty and Station force. The afternoons will be left open for the boys to visit the College and Station farms, observation trips through the College buildings, practical demonstrations, and a trip down town to the various places of interest in the Capital City.

Each evening we hope to have popular and illustrated lectures for the men and boys. We want all the members of all the clubs who can come. The College will furnish rooms free and meals at twenty-five cents each. Each boy will be expected to bring towels and sheets. We hope the parents will encourage the boys to take this little outing, and at the same time begin their education in agriculture. We don't know how the boys can spend a week more profitably than in attending this Short Course.

This is an opportunity no farm boy can afford to miss. Don't forget the date, August 17-20th.

### CHARLOTTE CELEBRATION

Appearing on another page of this issue is an advertisement telling of the great Twentieth of May Celebration and Trade Carnival which is to be staged in Charlotte on May 18, 19, 20 and 21. The large majority of our readers are quite familiar with the style in which Charlotte is accustomed to pull its historic anniversary and all reports coming from the Mecklenburg metropolis indicate that the festivity now in process of incubation will be worthy of the best that have gone before.

There will be much speaking of a high class, free shows and some that will charge a nominal fee for admission, parades, decorated floats, bands of music, baseball, balloon ascensions, fireworks, and last mentioned, but not least—crowds. On each succeeding May 20th, people in all these parts are accustomed to turn their steps toward historic "Independence Square," and this year the attractions offered insure the attendance of a record-breaking crowd.

In addition to the patriotic features incident to every Twentieth Celebration, the merchants of Charlotte are preparing to hold a trade carnival in which very special bargains will be put on.

We feel no hesitation in recommending to our readers consideration of the plan of visiting Charlotte at the time set with all preparations made for the reaping of fun and profit.

### HENLEY-WOOD

A very quiet but interesting marriage took place April 29th, near New Salem and Providence, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wood, when their daughter, Miss Nora, became the bride of Mr. M. C. Henley, from near Asheboro.

The bride and groom are both of Randolph and are popular and widely known as most excellent young people. The bride is a member of New Salem church, and also a very efficient teacher in the public schools, as her success in this work has proven. The groom is one of Randolph's most progressive farmers, and is a member of Browers Chapel on Richland circuit. They both being intelligent Christian young people, we predict that some preacher who may be their pastor will find on visiting them that they have an ideal home.

The writer, Mrs. O'Briant, a young Mr. Pugh, and Miss Pugh were the only persons present at the marriage besides home folks. Mr. and Mrs. Wood had prepared a nice dinner in honor of the occasion, and after the marriage we were invited to the dining hall, where we enjoyed a very good dinner.

In due time the groom with his bride accompanied by Mr. and Miss Pugh, friends of the groom, were on their way to his home near Asheboro, which will be their future home. Their many friends extend congratulations and best wishes.

The writer officiated at the marriage.

J. B. O'BRIANT.

There are said to be thirty thousand cases of typhus fever in Serbia.

Two horses driven by Mr. George Green, of Biscoe, ran away one day recently, causing him to suffer a broken arm and leg and dislocation of the hip. He was taken to a hospital for treatment.

### POULTRY RAISING IN SOUTH

The South should be the greatest poultry producing section in America, for nowhere else can such favorable conditions be found. Climate, soil, and grain products combine to make it ideal for poultry work. Poultry can be fed cheaper, housed at less expense, and raised with less work than anywhere else. Our winters are mild enough for the fowls to run out all the time. We have grass or green feed of some kind the year round. Green feed is necessary to the successful handling of fowls; besides, where the flocks run at large, as they do on our farms, much of the feed is picked up.

Expensive houses are not necessary, where the fowls are confined for several months in winter, and when every bit of the feed must be supplied them.

grains for feeding, are grown here. Wheat, corn, and oats, the best and can be produced fully as cheap as anywhere else.—Mrs. Frank Langford, in Southern Woman's Magazine.

### GORED TO DEATH BY MAD BULL

Jesse Earnhardt, a well-to-do farmer of Cabarrus county, was gored to death by a Jersey bull one night last week.

Mr. Earnhardt was at home alone, the rest of his family having gone to an entertainment at a nearby schoolhouse, when the bull escaped from the lot of a nephew who lived near, and came over to the home of the unfortunate man. He went out to try to drive the animal into a lot, but was attacked and fatally gored before help reached him. A colored man was the first to reach Mr. Earnhardt, after hearing his cries, but was too late to do any good. Other people soon came and the enraged animal was driven to an enclosure.

The deceased was seventy or more years of age. He was a highly respected citizen and a local preacher in the Methodist church. He is survived by his wife and three sons.

### BEFORE THE WAR

As a rule our pantries and barns, corn cribs and smokehouses were well filled before the war with home-raised food and feed supplies. Usually our forefathers produced sufficient meat and bread for man and beast, and had surpluses for sale. The farmer who had to buy meat or bread was in disgrace.

But in 1910, the South drew breath at home and rations from the middle West to the amount of \$36 million dollars. Our entire cotton crop barely paid our bill for imported supplies of bread and meat, grain, hay, and forage in the census year. Last year we fell far behind in the Cotton Belt. In North Carolina our deficit in home-raised supplies in 1910 amounted to some 119 million dollars.—University News Letter.

### A VOICE FROM THE CROWD

People want a preacher "to be an intelligent man and a man with gumption enough to administer congregational affairs," but the increasing cry is for a spiritually minded man along with these other things. This thought is one of the "submarines" launched by George Wharton Pepper, L. L. D., a lawyer of nation-wide reputation, in a series of lectures on preaching delivered at Yale last month entitled, "A Voice from the Crowd." This exclusive serial rights to publish the heart of this series of lectures has been granted to The Sunday School Times, an every-week religious publication. A post card request addressed to The Sunday School Times, Philadelphia, will bring a three weeks free trial of that paper containing a detailed announcement of this series of articles.

### CLEAN UP DAY

Now let us give the war a rest, The rout, the siege, the rally, And gaily shed our coat and vest And go and clean the alley.

Let's gather up the dogs and cats Which have this life departed, And let tin cans and bricks and bats Off to the dump be carted.

Then every able-bodied man Should whoop the clean up slogan, And chase the old tomato can, The cast-off hat and brogan.

The rubbish left by careless men And lazy human cheeses Will bring a host of germs again And they'll bring punk diseases.

And forty billion will come, As many microbes bearing, And 'round our weary heads they'll hum And keep us busy swearing.

On every block let all the workers rally; No man should stand around and talk Until he's cleaned his alley! —Exchange.

### LATE WAR NEWS

The coast of England was subjected to another raid by airships early last Friday morning, but without any casualties.

A German fleet was said to be off the Belgian coast on Friday, and the shelling of Dunkirk resulted in the loss of 20 lives.

It is reported that Belgian artillery destroyed the Straake bridge, at Havre, last Friday, and almost annihilated a body of four thousand German troops, who were crossing the bridge.

B. T. Peak, second engineer of the Falaba, who was rescued by a trawler, when his ship was sunk off the Irish coast on March 28, by a German submarine, declares that the German crew laughed at the drowning men and were indifferent to their appeals for help.

After serious fighting, the Allies are reported to have established themselves on the Gallipoli peninsula at the Dardanelles.

At the session of the International Congress of Women at the Hague, last Friday, the Belgian delegation was invited to the platform and welcomed by Miss Jane Addams, of Chicago, but coolness was shown by the German delegates and there was no handshaking between the two delegations.

### MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

Quick Verdict for two Negroes Charged With Murder of Mr. Swain.

Ed. Walker and Jeff. Dorsett, the two negroes charged with the murder of Mr. John Swain, near Pleasant Garden, last January, were found guilty of murder in the first degree in Superior court at Greensboro, last Friday. The jury deliberated for only one half hour before bringing in the verdict. The evidence was practically all circumstantial, but of such a nature as to be convincing to the jurors.

Jim Jackson, a fellow-prisoner of the accused negroes gave evidence to the effect that Dorsett confessed to the murder, but this evidence was partially rebutted by other prisoners who claimed that Jackson had declared he was going to get "as many cases" as he could against the other prisoners.

On Saturday morning, Judge C. C. Lyon sentenced the two negroes to be electrocuted June 11. Attorneys for the defendants gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court, and the case will be heard at the fall term. Accordingly, the two men will probably not be executed before late in this year or early next year, even if the judgment is affirmed.

### DEPUTY SHERIFF SLAIN

On last Thursday night, a posse, headed by Sheriff Baldwin, of Richmond county, and Deputy Sheriffs S. L. Baucum and S. M. J. Brown, were searching for the persons who had stolen an automobile at Wagram, and located the three men at Tower, a railroad station twelve miles from Hamlet. The officers were waiting for the arrival of a train, when the parties who were in hiding, came out, and some one in the posse fired on them, but instead of striking the criminals struck Deputy Sheriff Baucum, killing him instantly. In the excitement that followed the hunted men escaped. Mr. Baucum had been a deputy sheriff and jailor for four years, and was a popular officer.

### REPORT ON CARTER-ABERNETHY CASE

That such parts of the record of Craven county court as reflect upon the official conduct or private character of Solicitor Charles L. Abernethy be expunged, if such can be done by the exercise of constitutional authority, and that no further action be taken in reference to House resolution under which the committee worked, were recommendations of the Carter-Abernethy investigating committee filed in the office of Governor Craig, last Friday. The charges of immorality against Judge Frank Carter were not sustained.

### DR. LAWRENCE RETURNS HOME

Dr. W. P. Lawrence, of Elon College, who has been critically ill in St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro, for the past two months, has recovered sufficiently to be able to return to his home, but will not resume his duties either as dean of the men's department or head of the English department before next fall. Dr. Lawrence has been a member of the faculty at Elon for 21 years and is considered invaluable at the college.

John Rice, a white man who lived alone in Catawba county, was found dead in his home one day last week, and the evidence points to the fact he was robbed and murdered the night before. The deceased was 50 years of age, and was known to carry his money around with him. He is supposed to have had four or five thousand dollars on his person when attacked by his assailant. An empty pocket book was found near the dead body.

### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

ITEMS OF LIVE NEWS GATHERED FROM OUR EXCHANGES AND CONDENSED IN BRIEF FORM FOR BUSY READERS.

Mark Hall, of Nicolls, Georgia, is the father of 29 children, eighteen of whom are living. He has been married twice.

All the street cars of Wilmington are to be painted cream white, the shade an almost duplicate of tram-cars of the Hague, Holland.

Mrs. T. A. Kirkman, wife of Dr. Kirkman, died at her home in Siler City last week. Her husband and six children survive.

Mrs. Olive B. Webster has been appointed postmaster at Siler City to fill out the unexpired term of her deceased husband, Duncan Webster.

According to recent reports, 800 native Christians have been murdered by Kurds at Urumiah, Persia, and 2,000 have perished by disease.

Archibald Sherrod, of High Point, has gone to Spartanburg, S. C., to become secretary and treasurer of an ice and coal company.

Since the first of April, when the two-quart law went in effect, it is reported by the police authorities of Greensboro that drunkenness has almost disappeared from that city.

An arbitration award, advancing the pay of 64,000 locomotive engineers, firemen, and hostlers, on 98 western railroads was signed at Chicago, last Friday.

The French armored cruiser, Gambetta, was torpedoed and sunk in the North Sea by an Austrian submarine, one day last week. About six hundred lives were lost.

Tom Brooks, the negro murderer of two white men at Somerville, Tenn., was taken from the custody of officers and hanged from the trestle of a railroad bridge one day last week.

Siler City graded school will hold their commencement May 26th and 27th. The address will be delivered by Dr. J. I. Foust, of the State Normal College, Greensboro.

Large crowds attended Ore Hill commencement a few days ago. This school was taught by Mr. B. G. Leonard, assisted by Misses Bonnie Cole and Sankie Gilbert.

Hon. W. B. Wilson, Secretary of Labor of the United States, will deliver the commencement address at A. and M. College, Raleigh, this month.

J. E. Norket, a white tenant farmer, of near Charlotte, was arrested last week, charged with counterfeiting, he having in his possession a lot of spurious nickels and the apparatus for making them.

The fifth company Coast Artillery Corps, of Charlotte, have recently registered the finest marksmanship with eight-inch rifles of all the coast artillery companies in the United States.

Bennett graded school closed a few days ago with an address by Prof. Penland, of Bonlee, and other exercises. Mr. E. C. Bean, of Moffitt, was the principal of this school with G. E. Broeyer, of High Falls, assistant.

According to the National Weather Bureau, the longest early spring drought for more than forty years has existed over the eastern part of the United States for the past few weeks.

Phillip T. White, the \$6,000 a year manager of the Masury paint company in Brooklyn, has confessed to being an accomplice in the robbery of his employer's bank messengers of nearly \$3,000 nearly a year ago, his share of the spoils being \$900.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rankin Thomas, of Morehead township, Guilford county, recently sold to A. M. Scales a farm of about 90 acres for more than thirteen thousand dollars, at the rate of more than a hundred and sixty-six dollars an acre.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, in a recent interview with newspaper men, said positively that he had no thought of being a candidate for Governor of North Carolina, in 1916. Mr. Daniels said that he had just two ambitions, to perform his duties as secretary of the navy to the best of his ability while in office; and after that, to edit the News and Observer as long as he lives.

Congressional legislation that will make elastic the agricultural resources of the South, and under which a financial system may be organized that will enable the farmers to obtain such credit as they need and will place them on the same footing with other business men, was urged by Lieutenant Governor Daughtridge, of this State, at the Southern Commercial Congress, in Muscogee, Alabama, last week.

### ADMINISTRATION AND SOUTH

Harding Tells Some Benefits We Have Received—Situation in South Last Fall Said to Have Been Desperate.

W. P. G. Harding, member of the Federal reserve board, in a letter to J. L. Hughes, of the Southern club of Chicago, tells at great length what the Wilson Administration, through Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, did for the South during the past nine months, which he characterizes as one of the most desperate situations that he had ever seen in his 28 years' of banking experience.

Among the things done by Mr. McAdoo, as enumerated by Mr. Harding, was his recommendation of a bureau of war risk insurance; worked for a government owned merchant marine and looked with favor upon the establishment of a cash fund of \$100,000,000 to be subscribed by the banks throughout the non-cotton producing states of which loans should be made on cotton.

"Under the conditions that prevailed last fall," said Mr. Harding, "the creation of a fund of this magnitude to be loaned upon a commodity which was then regarded as unmarketable, was a tremendous undertaking, but Secretary McAdoo devoted all of his energy and ability to the task. In face of enormous odds, he was successful and as soon as it became evident that he would succeed in raising the fund, a demand for cotton, at prices slightly above the loan value fixed, sprang up and this demand has continued without intermission, so that the best grades are now selling in the south at around 10 cents per pound, a price which in the opinion of experts, is as great as would have obtained had there been no war. While the benefit of the cotton loan fund was, therefore, confined to its moral effect, it was unquestionably a great factor in restoring confidence and in initiating a movement of cotton which has developed beyond all expectations.

"Having lived in the South all my life and having been engaged in the banking business 28 years before coming to Washington last summer, I feel warranted in saying that I have never seen a situation in the South, apparently so desperate as that which existed last fall, that was worked out as rapidly and as satisfactorily; and I wish to say that never before within my recollection has a secretary of the treasury devoted as much time and energy to the solution of Southern problems, nor shown such knowledge of and sympathetic interest in the necessities of that section. The relief afforded the South by Secretary McAdoo was intelligent and effective and his spirit of helpfulness was restrained only by the limitations of law and obligations of his oath of office. The deeds and motives of the administration will be more and more appreciated in the South with the passing of time."

### PROSPERITY RUNNING OVER

Have you been keeping an eye on what business has been doing lately? If you have then you will have seen that it is on its feet in fine shape and that the prospect is as bright as can be for an increasing prosperity for this country. The pessimist tribe has had to take to its hole.

Note, if you please, what the official figures for March exports show. These are that a new high record for that month has been made, the figures being \$299,069,563 against \$187,499,234 in March, 1914, and \$187,426,711 in March, 1913. For the first time during the current fiscal year the elapsed period to date shows larger exports than in the corresponding months of the preceding years, with imports smaller than in the same months in the two preceding fiscal years. Exports which reached from \$1,908,658,573 in the first nine months of the fiscal year 1912-13 to \$1,883,221,915 in 1913-14 have now reached the unparalleled total of \$1,933,475,680, indicating that the complete fiscal year may show a total exportation of approximately \$2,750,000,000.

Do you grasp the importance of these figures? The gain in exports over those of March a year ago is \$111,510,329. That means that wealth is pouring into this country. Our manufacturers are reaping a golden harvest, and it may be regarded as certain that this is to continue after the war in Europe is over and peace has been declared. It means that American supremacy in trade is upon us. This is the day of the optimist, and the country should sit up and take notice. Business everywhere should be on the alert. The period of depression caused by the war is over.—News & Observer.

Mrs. Adelaide Cox died recently at her home in Moore county at the age of 74 years.

### CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Healy

### POINTS FOR THE SOUTHERN GARDENER

The gardener in the south may well remember certain important facts which are summed up in the United States Department of Agriculture's new Farmer's Bulletin (No. 647) entitled "The Home Garden in the South." They are as follows:

(1.) In nearly all sections of the South there is a scarcity of fresh vegetables during a large part of the year.

(2.) A well kept garden will yield a return eight to ten times as great as that from an equal area devoted to cotton or to other general crops.

(3.) The value of vegetables in the diet is a great deal more than the mere food or money value, as they furnish a large part of the essential salts which are necessary to the well being of the human system.

(4.) The location selected for the garden should be as near the house as possible. Practically any type of soil can be used for vegetables, but a sandy loam is to be preferred.

(5.) Good drainage is of prime importance. If the land has not good natural drainage, artificial drainage should be employed.

(6.) Where cultivation is to be by means of horse tools the garden should be long and narrow, with the rows running the long way of the garden.

(7.) The garden should be laid off in straight rows for either horse or hand cultivation.

(8.) An area of one-fourth to one-half acre in garden crops should be sufficient for a family of average size.

(9.) The garden should be occupied as large a part of the year as possible. As soon as one crop is removed, another should be planted, so as to have a succession of crops coming on all the time.

(10.) A good system of rotation should be followed in the home garden, in order to keep diseases and insects in check and to keep the soil in good condition.

(11.) The soil for the garden should be thoroughly prepared before planting vegetables. A deep soil is desirable, but the depth should be increased gradually.

(12.) Barnyard or stable manure is the best fertilizer for vegetable growing, as it furnishes both plant food and humus. Where manure is not available, green crops, such as cow peas, soy beans, vetch, or crimson clover, should be turned under to supply humus and part of the nitrogen. Commercial fertilizers can be employed to furnish most of the plant food, but without humus in the soil the fertilizer will be of little value.

(13.) Before setting plants in the open they should be hardened off, to prevent a serious check to growth. This can be accomplished by exposing the plants to outside conditions during the day in mild weather and finally leaving them uncovered at night when there is no danger of frost.

(14.) Thoroughly soak the plant bed before removing the plants, so as to have as much soil adhere to the roots as possible.

(15.) In setting the plants in the garden, thoroughly pack the soil around the roots. When the soil is dry, it is advisable to apply a little water around the roots. As soon as the water has soaked in, the moist soil should be covered with dry earth to prevent baking.

(16.) Give frequent shallow cultivation with small-tooth cultivators. A sweep or turnplow should not be used unless the land becomes so weedy that cultivators will not do the work.

### HIGH SCHOOL CONTEST

Spelling, Recitation, and Declamation and Track Meet—Trinity Girl and Farmer Boy Tie For Spelling Prize

The annual contests and track meet of the State high schools of the east central division was held in Greensboro Friday night and Saturday, April 23rd and 24th. On Saturday night, the recitation contest was held at the State Normal College, and the declamation contest at the Y. M. C. A.

Miss Bessie Woodruff, of the Walnut Grove high school, Guilford county, was awarded the medal in the recitation contest, in which there were 7 other contestants.

The medal for the best declamation went to Frank Upchurch, of the Cary high school, he having defeated nine other contestants.

The spelling contest resulted in an unbreakable tie between Wade Hussey, of the Farmer high school, and Miss Blanche Farlow, of the Trinity high school.

Miss Vivian Hayworth, of Jamestown high school, was the winner in the contest in composition.

The track meet was held at the base ball park Saturday morning. Friendship high school, of Alamance county, carried off first honors in all the events, the total scores being: Friendship, 54 points; Siler City, 9; Pleasant Garden, 4.

Mr. Cicero Strider is opening up a big truck farm east of Biscoe, says the correspondent from that town to the Troy Montgomerian.