

## COUNTY AGENTS' CONFERENCE OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT

(By Mary McLean)

The County Agent's Conference of the Central District of North Carolina, which was held at Jackson Springs, August 22, 23, and 24, opened the first session with a most interesting program.

The meeting was called to order by the District Agent, T. D. McLean, who presided. Great interest was taken by County Agents, Specialists, and the local people.

Mr. George R. Ross, in presenting Hon. Robt. N. Page, pictured conditions in Moore county for the past fifteen years and the great progress that has taken place.

Mr. Page gave an excellent address, stressing the great importance of giving concrete demonstrations showing what can be done in certain localities. The theme of his address was leadership. He stressed the fact that every great movement that has for its purpose the improvement of human society must be carried on by trained, efficient leaders and that all work, no matter how big or how little the task, if to obtain success, needs intelligent leadership; bringing it home to the agents that they are leaders. Mr. Page spoke very highly of Dr. Knapp, the founder of the Extension Work, showing how he, thru demonstrations, built up by degrees and very slowly, Demonstration Work as it now exists, thereby becoming a great leader. In speaking of Dr. Knapp as a great philosopher as well as a great farmer, he told of an incident when Dr. Knapp said that the greatest element in Agriculture was not the soil but the man and the head on the man.

In concluding remarks made by Mr. Page, he said that no application brings better results from brains than that of Agriculture. He gave a very interesting contrast of this section many years ago and now, stating that the changes were brought about largely since the Farm Demonstration Work came into this territory, and illustrating by the increase in the yield of corn per acre.

Following him, Prof. C. L. Newman, Scotland county agent, gave a response. Mr. C. R. Hudson, State Agent, and Mr. James M. Gray, Assistant Director, made very interesting talks in response also.

Mr. C. D. Matthews, State Horticulturist, discussed The Peach Industry in the Sandhills. He told of the development of this great industry and why this section should be interested in raising peaches. The main topics under his subject that he explained were the selection of land; preparation of land; selection of trees; planting; and last of all but not least, the value of co-operation not only in getting rid of diseases, but also in selling. He stressed the point that this is a specialized industry, and that such industries need specialized workers.

The Home Garden Movement was very forcibly discussed by Prof. C. L. Newman. He laid the fact before his audience that very little attention is being given one of our greatest movements, giving many good reasons why more attention should be given this work. In conclusion, he emphasized the value of a year-round garden and gave a list of vegetables for one that can be planted today in Moore county.

The meeting then adjourned for dinner. In the afternoon the members of the conference went by automobiles to visit Samarcand Manor, stopping enroute to inspect peach orchards. They were entertained at the Manor, then returned to Jackson Springs for further entertainment.

The second session of the conference was held Wednesday morning, the 23rd. A very interesting and inspirational program was carried out.

Mr. W. W. Shay, Swine Specialist, spoke on The Development of the Swine Industry. He brought out the fact that the farmers are turning to this industry and that the agents must take the lead, work with them, and show them how to do the thing, sticking to concrete demonstrations, and measuring results by gain in weights. Along with his talk, he explained the hog chart on feeding, etc., and stated that every farmer should have one and be shown how to use it.

One of the most valuable and needful subjects of today was discussed by Mr. A. C. Kimery, Dairy Specialist, on The Family Cow. He explained and urged the importance of keeping a certain number of cows, and the use of the pasture as a means of feeding them. The fact that the farmer must not be urged to go into the dairy business, but to keep a few only as a side line of Agriculture, was very strongly brought out, showing how the farmer may profit by using the rough feed on the farm rather than by selling it and having to buy fertilizers to enrich the soil. He advised the selling of sour cream and feeding the milk to the hogs and chickens. The problems to be met and how to meet them were stated and explained. The use of the cream separator was urged. In Mr. Kimery's concluding remarks, he said that when the farmer realizes that he needs no one main business but some of it all, producing food and feed supplies sufficient for his own use, he will be progressing along the right lines of Agriculture. The very startling remark was made that there were 90,000 farms in eastern North Carolina without a cow, giving us an insight into the great importance of the work.

Mr. Hudson then explained the campaign that will be started this fall for the family milch cow.

The talk on Boll Weevil Control in North Carolina, discussed by Mr. Franklin Sherman, State Entomologist, was concise and to the point. He explained the use of the poison dust method, its advantages and disadvantages, and stated that faith was needed, bringing it clearly before the agents that farmers must see results.

Mr. Mabee, who is in the Entomology Work, told what he was doing in Scotland county along the boll

weevil line. Also, Mr. C. A. Whittle, member of the Soil Improvement Committee, Atlanta, Ga., discussed the boll weevil conditions very briefly, giving different methods to use; the advantages and disadvantages of each; and when and how to apply the poison.

Mr. R. Y. Winters, of the Experiment Station, talked on The Development and Value of Improved Seed. (Continued on page 7)

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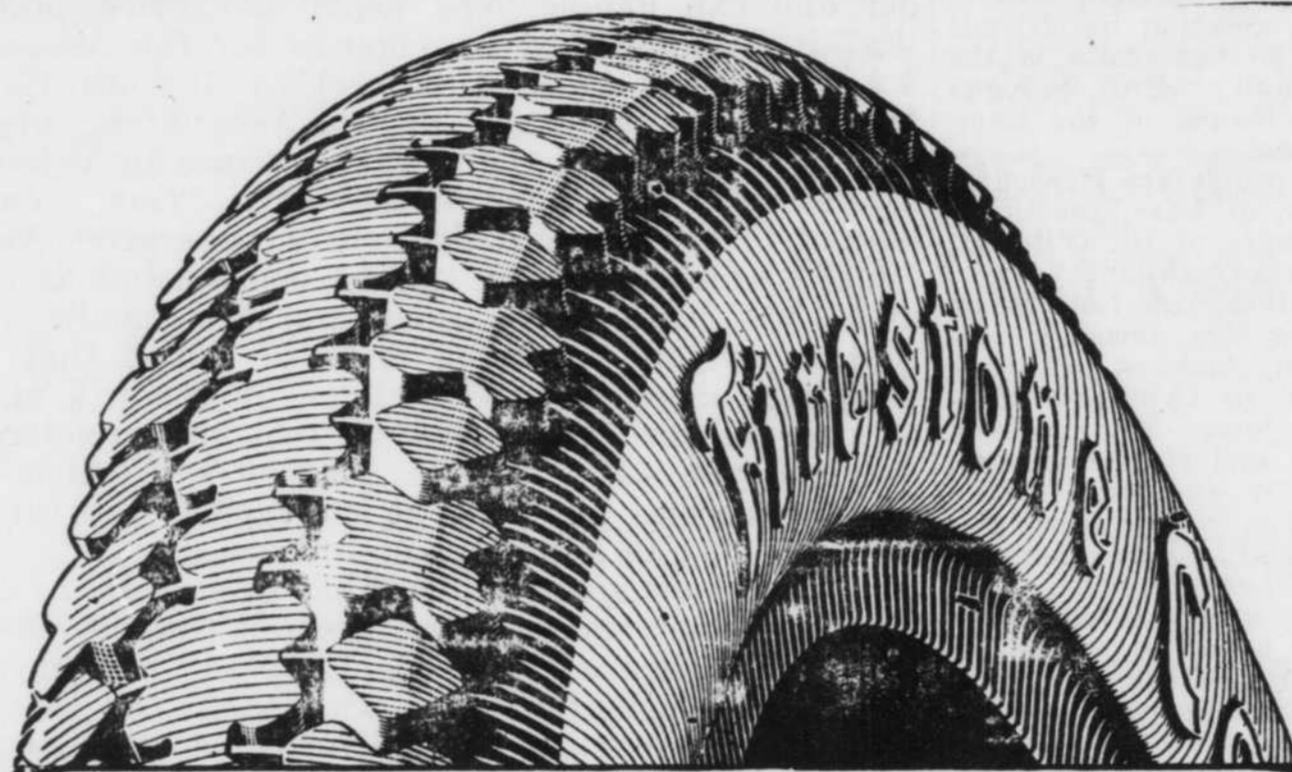
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LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER

NEHEMIAH REBUILDS WALLS OF JERUSALEM

LESSON TEXT—Neh. 3:1-7:4.  
GOLDEN TEXT—Our God will do for us.—Neh. 4:20.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—I Cor. 3:9-17.

PRIMARY TOPIC—How God hemiah Build a Wall.

JUNIOR TOPIC—How a City Rebuilt.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Praying, Watching, Working, Young People and Adult Cooperation.

Having secured a leave from the Persian court, Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem. After three days without disclosing his purpose to any one, he made a reconnaissance of the walls by night. Having obtained first-hand information from the representatives of the Jews who gathered and said, "Let us go and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem." He knew the hand of providence in bringing him to Jerusalem with authority to rebuild its walls. He showed great wisdom in securing for himself the real conditions of the work. The one who is qualified to lead in a great work is the one who has mastered the situation and is thus able to direct the operations and show how the work is to be done.

I.—Preparation for the Work (ch. 3).

The division of labor in Nehemiah's administration shows a wise distribution of tasks to make the work easy.

Note some outstanding features of this great work.

1. Stress Laid Upon Administration (3:5). In administrative work just that unfaithfulness is pointed out. Such action is warning to some and an example to others by showing the integrity of the director.

2. Help Rendered by Women (3:12). Perhaps Shallum was to aid him. It is a fine example for women to be able to take part in building a wall when their men do it. God's word notes such extraordinary cooperation.

3. Stress Laid Upon Earnestness (3:20). If one knows his duty will be recognized and earnestly pursued his tasks.

4. Every One Built His Own House (3:10). The chief concern is for his family. Centive to exertion is quiet as that which concerns his family.

5. Certain Guilds of Men (3:8). Administration sometimes requires such alignment of efforts. The same class and craft will work better together.

II. Hindrances Encountered (ch. 4).

1. Scoffing of Sanballot (4:1-6; cf. 2:19-20). The God's servants usually being at them shafts of ridicule called the Jews but a few asserted that the tread of a fox would break down the wall.

2. Conspiracy of a Slanderer (4:7-9). When the enemy's work was actually successful it changed from ridicule to