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MOORE COUNTY
FARM NOTESChicken Truck Expected in Vass
Sometime the First of
This Month.

When and How to Top Dress Cotton.

That readily available ammoniates pay best and should be applied within the first two weeks after chopping is the conclusion drawn from several years of tests by the different experiment stations in an effort to answer the oft-repeated question, How much top dresser shall I use on cotton and when shall I apply it?

Nitrate of soda was used as the source of ammonia in most of these tests, and the most profitable rate was found to be 100 to 150 pounds per acre. Equivalent amounts of other readily available sources of ammonia may be used equally as effectively. Slowly available ammoniates should not be used as top dressers, but should be applied before planting.

Applications made shortly after chopping under the conditions of these tests, have given larger increases than when made later in the season. Split applications may be advisable on very sandy soil, especially if heavy rains occur early in the season. The effectiveness of late applications depends largely upon weather conditions and the stage of growth and the conditions of the crop.

A good time to apply top dresser is after the cotton has been chopped and plowed the first time. The material may be scattered by hand or distributors in the furrow close to the growing plant. This followed by a second cultivation would leave the crop in good condition.

Phosphorus and Potash are not necessary ingredients in a good top dresser. These are rather slow acting and should be applied before the crop is planted.

Express Shipments of Chickens to
Be Made Soon.

If there is sufficient interest in the

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EXPANDING PLANS
FOR SHRUBBERYSouthern Pines Will Continue
Its Town Planting
Projects.

Frank Buchan in calling attention to the excellent growth of shrubbery planted in Southern Pines in the spring said that it is the intention in the fall to further extend the work, and to take in one or two more square along the railroad and to push out onto as many other streets as can be made practical. The plants set during the past winter and spring are making such growth as to awaken an unusual interest in the movement, and while the last winter has been noteworthy for the large amount of material set out, it is to be expected that the next season will see the amount increased materially. The wholesome results have been surprising, and many individuals as well as the public authorities are now taking up planting schemes.

The proposition to make the Sandhills a pleasant place to live is gaining force every day, and in a couple of years more this whole territory will be a decidedly different looking neighborhood.

Smut has damaged the oat crop of several counties very severely this spring. In one demonstration in Anson County, there was a damage of from 30 to 50 per cent where the seed were untreated as compared to practically no damage where the seed were treated before planting.

Two hundred farm women will attend the third short course for women at State College, July 4 to 9.

ALFRED MOORE
CHAPTER MEETSThe Main Business of the Meeting
Was the Election of Officers
for Coming Year.

The Alfred Moore Chapter, D. A. R., held its closing meeting for the season Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Talbot Johnson, of Aberdeen. The Regent, Mrs. T. B. Tyson, presided. After the usual opening exercises roll call was responded to with patriotic quotations. Deep regret was expressed by the Chapter over the absence of Mrs. T. Johnson, caused by her recent operation and over the recent sickness of Mrs. Elms. The Chapter unanimously voted to indorse Mrs. Whitaker, its past regent, as the next State Regent and a committee was formed to further this. A splendid paper on "Brief Sketches of First Four Important Settlements in America" was read by Mrs. W. N. Currie and one on Daniel Boone read by Mrs. S. Richardson.

The main business of the afternoon, the election of officers for the coming year, was accomplished by unanimously re-electing the past officers with the exception of Mrs. Sanborn and it was with regret that on account of ill health Mrs. Sanborn was given up. However, the Chapter was very fortunate to have Mrs. Hoyt Shaw to take her place and she was welcomed as the new Chaplain for the coming year. It was decided to take "The Constitution" for study next year. A letter was read from General Bowley, of Fort Bragg, as follows:

"The Citizens Military Training Camps that have become such an important asset throughout the United States is not thoroughly understood by our people in North Carolina. To secure a better appreciation of just what these camps accomplish I need and ask your assistance.

"We have had little trouble in interesting the boys themselves, but in so many instances the parents have been unwilling to approve their attendance. I believe that this is not due to a selfish desire to deprive their sons of this priceless privilege, but rather an apprehension that they may be enlisted in the army, under bad influence at camp, or any of the countless evils a parent readily imagines when a boy first proposes to try his wings. After six years' experience, we no longer need surmise on the value of these camps to young manhood. The training does improve them physically, and as future citizens. No effort is made to enlist them in the army (and as a matter of fact is prohibited by the War Department), the morals of the camp are zealously guarded; the substantial food and supervised physical training puts beef and brawn on their frames, and the military training is but a means for arousing the instinct of leadership and an appreciation of the true meaning of discipline.

"A boy here meets and competes with boys from every part of the State; he makes contacts and friendships that will be of life-long benefit to him. The Camp this year opens on June 15 and closes July 14th. We have secured an appropriation to care for 900. To secure this number, we must overcome the obstacle of non-understanding parents, and this can be done in no better way than by the loyal women of North Carolina. I feel sure I can count on you to help bring the parents of your community to a realization of the importance of this training in rounding out the education of our young men."

It was moved to adjourn until September and delicious refreshments were served by the two hostesses, Mrs. Oudworth and Mrs. L. S. Johnson.

The Chapter feels they have accomplished much valuable work during the past year due a great deal to the splendid leadership of its Regent, Mrs. Tyson.

CAMPAIGN TO BE
LAUNCHED SOONIn the Interest of Grape Growing
Throughout the Carolina
Sandhills.

Advices have been received from the office of J. N. McBride, General Agricultural Agent, Seaboard Air Line Railway at Savannah, Ga., that the Development Department of that railroad will inaugurate in the late summer an extensive campaign throughout the Carolina Sandhills in the interest of grape growing. Fred P. Abbott, Development Agent, with office in Hamlet, N. C., was in Vass this week in the interest of the grape campaign and it is understood that this campaign is the result of experimental work in grapes that the Seaboard has been quietly conducting for the past several years.

A few years ago, it came to the attention of the Seaboard that European grapes were not cultivated on a commercial scale anywhere in the United States except in California. In fact, the industry is so firmly established in that State that in the United States the common name applied to the viniferous or European grape is "the California grape." Upon endeavoring to determine the reason for confining the European grape industry within the State of California, it appeared to be the general consensus of opinion that soil and climatic conditions prevented the culture of this crop in other States of the Union. Such an explanation did not appear plausible and representatives of the Development Department conducted an exhaustive study of the European grape industry determining the requirements of this crop. Dr. George C. Hussman, Viticulturist of the United States Department of Agriculture, became interested in the efforts of the Seaboard to prove or disprove their belief that European grapes could be successfully cultivated in the Sandhills of the Carolinas. Dr. Hussman secured indirectly from Europe a number of vines of a great many varieties and these together with a number of American or Domestic varieties of grapes were planted at McBee, S. C., in the spring of 1923. The test planting was made in co-operation with W. L. McCoy, one of the leading farmers and business men of the McBee section.

The results of the test vineyard have been watched very closely. Some of the vines bore fruit in 1924 and all the vines produced fruit in 1925 and 1926. The results gained in this work have astounded all those who are intimately acquainted with the grape industry and have proved beyond a doubt that European grapes can be successfully produced in the Sandhills on a large commercial

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BOYD READS FOR
THE KIWANISSelections From His New Book
Hold the Members
Attentively.

The feature of the Kiwanis meeting Wednesday at the Civic Club in Southern Pines was the reading by James Boyd of selections from his new book, "Marching On." That new book is one of the master creations of this year's literature, and when the author picked some features of it to interpret to the sixty-odd intelligent men and women who heard him he made a decided hit. One selection was a scene at the Antietam battle field, the bloodiest battle fought in the Civil War, and the writer got the sentiment of the story and the reader put it before his audience. The attention given him was interesting.

Charlie Mason announced his golf tournament to begin next Wednesday on the County Club grounds at Southern Pines. It promises to be a lively summer contest.

LAKEVIEW OPEN
FOR SUMMERMany New Improvements That
Will Make the Place More
Popular.

Lakeview opened informally on Wednesday, and with all the signs that the season will be a good one. C. W. Spear is in charge, and L. L. Turner has the hotel. W. L. Jones, a polieman of years' experience on the force at Raleigh, will be on the grounds during the summer, and will see that order is maintained and the resort is made attractive for all gatherings that desire to find recreation and amusement there. The hotel is already open for business, although the formal opening will not take place until Sunday.

During the spring a feature that is new in this section was introduced. This is the toboggan slide, which carries riders from the top of a long steep incline on a swift pace down into the water, where a long ride out over the surface of the lake follows. The ride is exhilarating and amusing, and is an attraction that holds the spectators as well as those who ride. Boats, swimming, rowing and other amusements will be other features.

Especial care will be taken of Sunday Schools, societies, groups of boys and girls, and organizations of all types that like to get out for a summer day or longer, and everything has been done to provide for amusement, comfort and safety. During the winter Dowdy & Butler, the well drillers, sunk a deep well to the bottom rock, which is cased from the bottom to the top, shutting off all surface water, and a large flow of excellent water is available at all times.

The bathing beach and amusement enterprises have been enclosed by a fence, and admission is fixed at ten cents. This is necessary to help care for the costs of fixing up and carrying on the resort rather than to permit questionable things to pay the expenses. Fees for suits, bath rooms, etc., are established at the lowest prices that will permit the place to be carried on, as the desire is to provide a place of pleasure and entertainment rather than to try to make money. Dinner dances at the hotel for the guests of the house will be given in the evening, to run until about 10 o'clock and for the guests of the hotel and beach alone. They will not be promiscuous affairs, and that will do away with much that was criticized in the past.

Fourth of July and other holidays will be observed at Lakeview in proper manner, and amusements will be arranged as often during the summer as the occasion appears to demand. Facilities exist for caring for a large number of people now, and the management has inquiries of such a character and in such numbers that it is confidently believed that the season this year will see Lakeview popular over a wide territory. The roads are good now in all directions, the water is in excellent condition, housing arrangements are ample, and the sports that are provided will keep the visitors constantly employed. Mr. Spear invites the patronage of the people with the assurance that it will be deserved by the entertainment given.

SANDHILLS SIXTEEN
SING AT MANLEY.

The famous Sandhills Sixteen will sing at Manley Presbyterian Church Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Admission free, and all are invited. This group of singers has made an excellent name in the Sandhills, and is interesting in its work and its programs. It is worth hearing any time.

Mrs. Henry M. Middleton, of Warsaw, in Dupin County, won second prize in the Southern garden contest conducted by the Southern Ruralist of Atlanta, last year. Mrs. Middleton was awarded a cash prize of \$200.

FARMERS HOLD
IMPORTANT MEETA Farmer's Mutual Exchange
Organized at Jackson Springs
Thursday Evening.

About 20 farmers of the Jackson Springs community met Thursday evening, May 26, and organized a Farmers' Mutual Exchange. The purpose of this organization is to develop group marketing and to sell farm products. Also to develop group purchasing and to buy farm supplies and equipment.

The Exchange meets every Thursday night after the first and third Sunday of each month. The meetings are held at the school house. Any grower of farm products is eligible to join. We believe that there is strength in union and we are glad to welcome new members at any time. The organization is strictly a local affair and the success of the organization depends upon the members.

The Exchange is going to put on a drive for better livestock and a more balanced system of farming in this community.

Already plans are being made for a creamery route. Some new poultry houses have been put up and we plan to take part in a carlot shipment of poultry later on. We are going to attempt to standardize the community to one or two breeds of each kind of livestock.

The following officers were elected: M. A. Clark, president; W. B. Herndon, vice president; L. T. Graham, secretary-treasurer, and F. C. Winston, manager. The board of directors consist of the following members: M. A. Clark, W. B. Herndon, L. T. Graham, N. D. Reece and W. A. Clark. The Exchange will be incorporated within the next two or three days.

Our next meeting will be held the ninth of June at which time we are hoping to have a dairy expert to talk on the possibility of dairying in this community. The public is invited to this meeting.

HOME FURNITURE
FOR NEW HOTELPine Needles Will Buy \$100,000
Worth From Carolina
Factories.

While the new Pine Needles Hotel is still far from ready to outfit with its new furniture the management has decided that the bulk of what goes into the new house will be made at the factories in this State. This is determined by the excellent quality of furniture made in the Carolina factories, and also because in all its existence Pinehurst has undertaken to use North Carolina products of every kind wherever they serve the purpose.

Some things will be bought outside the State, as for instance where some particular piece of furniture for the lobby, or for special need, is found that suits the place, and which may not be a North Carolina product. But about \$100,000 worth of furniture made in this State will be used in equipping the new house, and already the material is being considered. The orders will be given before a great while, for some of the goods will be made to fit the building, and time will be given the factories to do the kind of a job desired. The equipment will be of a high type, as the Pine Needles will rank with the best hotels in the South, and everything will be of a superior quality in furnishing, equipment, service and all other respects. Then the management is anxious to submit to its patrons the best that can be shown of North Carolina furniture production, and it is pretty well known now that North Carolina factories are making some of the finest quality of goods

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