

## THE CULTIVATION OF CORN

### Bureau of Plant Industry Sends Needed Instruction --- Corn Requires Much Moisture -- Plow Shallow Now.

The Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration work, under the auspices of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is giving the farmers some good advice in regard to the early cultivation of crops. The information obtained from its literature and through its men in regard to corn growing is about as follows:

Corn is one of the crops that requires a great deal of moisture. Every stalk of average size will need three hundred pounds of water to make a good yield. This amount scarcely ever falls during the growing season, hence we must keep in the soil the winter rains for the use of the corn any time it may need it. It is a well known fact that a corn crop is ruined by a drought. But if the land was broken early and deeply so that it caught the winter rains and then if by proper cultivation the moisture is kept in the soil a good corn crop can be made in spite of a drought. One of the main objects of cultivation from now on, therefore, will be to cultivate shallow and frequently to conserve the moisture which is lost mainly by evaporating into the air. If the soil is kept loose on top evaporation is checked. Hence a weeder or other light harrow or cultivator should be run over the soil every week or ten days until the corn is too large. This loose dirt on top acts like a blanket would on a wet horse. It keeps the moisture there by preventing the winds from carrying it off. Moisture is always found under a plank or other covering on the ground. The loose soil on top in the field acts in the same way in retaining moisture.

After the first or second cultivation and after the corn is six to eight inches high all plowing should be shallow. A turn plow, a long scooter (gopher) or other deep running implements is not the best thing to cultivate corn with after the roots get out into the soil. Any deep plowing after this breaks the roots, thus cutting off the power of the corn to get food and water. This early and frequent cultivation also keeps down the weeds and grass. It is usually the grass that comes up with the corn that gives the most trouble and that has to be gotten out by expensive hand hoeing. The best time to kill these is before they appear above surface, that is just when they are sprouting. This is always just after a rain. Stirring the soil dislodges them and kills them. This work must be done just as soon after a rain as the soil is dry enough to allow it. After the grass is an inch high and after the soil has crusted the weeder or harrow will not do much good. Many farmers make signal failures on this point by waiting two or three days too long after a rain and often until they see a coat of grass. The farmer must watch conditions and get there in time or his work is largely lost. Such implements should be used as will not require more than one or two trips per row. This is economy, one of the things not often given much attention on the farm. The important thing, then, is never to let a crust form on the soil since by that time the grass is growing above ground and the moisture is going out at a rapid rate.

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### Died in Washington City.

News was received here Wednesday of the death of Mrs. Eliza Jane Latham in Washington City, June 1st. Mrs. Latham's health had not been good for several months, and a few weeks past she decided to make her home temporarily with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Alley, in Washington. Acting upon the advice of specialists, she consented to an operation, but was not strong enough to stand the effects of it. Her husband, Mr. Thomas J. Latham accompanied her to the city, and with the two daughters, Mrs. Alley and Miss Bessie Latham, and the oldest son, Samuel Latham, were near her when the end came. Messrs. Harry and Wade Latham failed to reach the city in time.

The deceased was born in Washington County in 1847, and in early life was married to Mr. Thomas J. Latham of the same county. Her life had been spent in faithful service to her family, and in that higher service of fellowship with God. Possessing a strong personality, she also had a mind stored with pleasant and useful things, rendering her helpful in times of trouble and a pleasant companion. A large circle of friends called her blessed, and will miss the brightness of her presence.

For years she had been a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, and died, as she had lived, in the hope of a blessed immortality. Mr. James B. Waters and Mrs. Elizabeth Pope of Williamston, brother and sister, survive her. Many friends and acquaintances sympathize with them and the bereaved loved ones in their sore affliction.

### Rev. G. W. Belk

Very interesting and instructive services have been held this week by the Rev. G. W. Belk, of Wilson N. C., Presbyterian Evangelist of the Synod of North Carolina. Mr. Belk is an eloquent speaker and much can be learned from his excellent sermons. Sunday night, he preached in the Methodist Church to a large crowd. The services which are being held in the Masonic Hall will be continued until Sunday night. Preaching each night at 8:15 o'clock. Mr. Belk expresses himself as being highly pleased with Williamston.

### Mission Services

Rev. Claudius F. Smith, rector of Christ Church, Elizabeth City, will begin a series of services at the Episcopal Church on Wednesday evening next. These services will continue through Friday evening. Mr. Smith is one of the strongest men in the Diocese, and an eloquent speaker. The public is cordially invited.

### A Deserved Honor

At the meeting of the Bankers' Association held at Charlotte, N. C., during last week, Dr. J. D. Biggs, President of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, of Williamston, was elected a member of the Executive Committee. The News and Observer inadvertently named him as chairman of the committee.

### Death of A Little Child

(Reported)

Little Mary, infant daughter of Mrs. J. B. Harris, fell asleep in the arms of Jesus on May 29th, 1909. She had suffered for three weeks with typhoid dysentery. All that a kind physician, loving friends and attentive nurses could do, availed nothing.

Mary was a bright, healthy sweet child of nineteen months. It was hard to give her up, but the Lord saw fit to take her home. The funeral service was conducted by Mr. B. S. Cowing on Sunday afternoon. Interment in the family cemetery.

## ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

### People Coming and Going--As Gathered By Our Regular Correspondent.

By JOHN D. EVERETT

Miss Reta Roberson is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Simon Levin, of Washington was in town Monday.

Miss Isabel Morton returned from Wilson Saturday.

Mr. W. A. James, of Williamston, spent Sunday here.

Miss Annie Mooring is spending this week in Gold Point.

Emmet Parker returned Thursday from a trip to Kinston.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Grimes spent Sunday in Pitt County.

Mrs. Julian Roberson, who has been very ill, can sit up again.

Miss Estelle House returned to her home in Scotland Neck Saturday.

Mr. J. B. Edmonson, of Washington, is home this week on vacation.

Mesdames R. E. Grimes and W. A. James spent Monday in the country.

Mr. W. L. James is taking a few days vacation with his parents in Pitt County.

Misses Vivian and Lydie Roberson were in town Thursday from Gold Point.

Mrs. J. H. Purvis and daughter, Annie Belle, of Spring Green, were here Monday.

Messrs. Dowell Burroughs and H. I. Coffield, of Everetts, were in town Sunday.

Mr. Leon Rooks is critically ill at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Roberson returned Wednesday night from a trip to the mountains.

Mr. Hubert Morton returned from Winston-Salem last week for a few weeks' vacation.

Lloyd Corey's horse created considerable excitement last week by running away in town.

Miss Ethel Peel returned from Wilson Friday, where she has been at school the past term.

### EVERETTS ITEMS

J. B. Barnhill was in town Saturday on business.

Mr. D. D. Stalls has been on the sick list for the past week.

Mr. G. D. Burroughs spent Sunday night in Robersonville.

Mr. J. L. Barnhill and U. S. Peel went to Williamston Friday.

Mr. Clayton Keel of Robersonville was in town Sunday evening.

Mr. Robert Lanier is spending some time with his brother D. B. Lanier.

Mr. Linwood Gurganus spent Sunday in the country with his parents.

Miss Lucy Riddick spent last week with friends and relatives in Williamston.

Mr. D. D. Stalls spent a few days last week at Morehead. He reports some fine fishing.

Miss Gladdys Ballance of Williamston is visiting Mrs. S. F. Everett on Washington street.

Miss Hattie James who has been spending the past few weeks with her sister in Kinston returned home Friday night.

Messrs. C. B. Riddick and Joe Cherry left for Dillon S. C. Monday to accept positions. Their friends wish them much success.

Mr. Harris, of Tarboro, was here last week and made arrangements to organize a I. O. U. M.

Mr. Joseph Bullock took Rhodan Andrews to Williamston for safe keeping for stealing a cow.

Prof. and Mrs. Outterbridge attended the Baptist Union at Moratock from Thursday to Monday.

The ball game Saturday between Robersonville and Parmele resulted in a score of 18 to 31 in favor of the former.

Mr. W. F. Parker vacated the Outterbridge house Wednesday. The house will be moved soon to make room for another brick store.

Supt. W. A. Ross was accompanied to his Sunday School in the country Sunday by Misses Blanche and Nina Roberson and Mr. W. L. James.

Messrs. Harvey Roberson, Nun Everett, Station Everett, and Misses Isabel Morton, Lena Parker, and Myrtle Hight spent Sunday in Gold Point.

Mesdames R. J. Nelson, W. H. Adkins, Spier Cochran, and Mr. J. D. Everett attended the Baptist Union at Hobgood last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Manning's home was visited by the Death Angel, last Friday morning, and their little babe was taken from them. The entire community feels deeply for the bereaved parents.

Mr. A. R. Dunning, of Williamston, met Mr. Allsbrook of Scotland Neck was here Monday. Mr. Allsbrook was given the contract to move the Outterbridge house off Main Street, preparatory to the erection of a mammoth brick store.

The following went on a fishing trip to Shepherd's Mill last Friday:

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Grimes, Mrs. A. R. Dunning, Dr. Underwood, J. H. Everett, Harvey Roberson, Dr. Hargrove, and Misses Hallie Meads Maree and Pearl Roberson, Estelle House and Miss Bost.

### BEAR GRASS ITEMS

Mrs. Nathan Rogerson is on the sick list.

Miss Ora Corey took a flying trip to Williamston Tuesday.

Mr. Sam Rogerson went to Williamston Tuesday on business.

Mr. A. B. Ayers went to Beaufort County on business Monday.

The walks in the town have been completed to South Bear Grass.

Mr. H. C. Harrison, of Williamston, spent Sunday with his parents near Bear Grass.

Quite a number of people attended the burial of little Mary Harris Sunday afternoon.

Mr. G. H. Harrison is keeping the road hot between his home and that of Mr. Redmond Harrison.

The mother of Mrs. R. E. Bailey, who has been spending some time in town, returned home Sunday.

### Could Not Be Better.

No one has ever made a salve, ointment, lotion or balm to compare with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Its one perfect healer of Cuts, Corns, Burns, Bruises, Sores, Scalds, Boils, Ulcers, Eczema, Salt Rheum, For Sore eyes, Cold Sores, Chapped Hands its supreme. Infalible for Piles. Only 25c at all Druggist.

### Congregational Meeting

Acting in accordance with a rule of the Church, requiring every congregation in the Diocese to meet not later than ten days after the meeting of the Annual Council, the members of the parish of the Church of the Advent met on Friday evening last to listen to reports of the parish work and that of the Council, which convened at Washington, May 22-25.

After prayer and lesson by Rev. Mr. Gordon, Mr. Frank F. Fagan, Treasurer of the parish, read an itemized statement of all moneys received and disbursed during the fiscal year ending April 30, 1909. Mr. A. D. Mizell, made a short but excellent talk on the work of the Sunday School. He emphasized the importance of more interest on the part of the older people in the church. That the attendance had been very good, and the financial condition better than ever before. The offerings for the year had been \$140.18. He stated that the mission school at the Slade School House was in a flourishing condition, and was self-supporting. The reports of the Woman's Auxiliary and Parish Guild were read by Miss Hattie Thrower, President. The deepening of missionary zeal has found expression in larger offerings and a truer appreciation of the part women have in carrying forward the Church of Jesus Christ. The offerings for missions amounted to \$135.90. In the Guild the chief work had been the cancellation of the rectory debt, which together with other sums expended, made \$210.00.

The Thomas B. Houghton Chapter, Daughters of the King, was represented by Miss L. Mayo Lamb, President. The chapter has done a marvelous work, expending in charity alone \$214.00. This with other sums expended aggregated \$287.94. Miss Elisabeth Gordon, who is President of the Junior Auxiliary, read an interesting report of how her little band of eight had made the best record, save one, of any in the Diocese. In various ways they had raised and given \$66.00 for missions.

Col. Wilson G. Lamb, Senior Warden of the Vestry, told of the Council, its work and the state of the Church throughout the Diocese. His words were happy ones, full of the enthusiasm of the man who loves the Church and is striving to aid it in carrying the glad tidings to all the world. He paid a high tribute to the Rector and the women of the parish, saying that the hearty co-operation of the one with the other had given the parish a greater uplift than any other of like size. He was thanked very heartily for his appreciative words.

One of the most interesting papers read was that by Mrs. K. B. Crawford on "Woman's Day at the Council." In this was given in a pleasing style all the important features of the meeting of the "Woman's Auxiliary and Parochial Society." Miss Mayo Lamb spoke briefly of the spiritual feature of Daughters of the King, and gave a synopsis of the address of Rev. Isaac Huges to the Daughters. Mrs. James G. Staton, Vice-president of the Convocation of Edenton, was asked to tell of the increase in the work under her supervision. She stated that \$4409.92 had been contributed by the women for various purposes, and that the work had been greatly revived. Reporting for the Babies' Branch, she said that ten little ones in the parish had given \$13.92 towards the missionary work.

The total amount raised in the parish for all purposes was \$1,591.38. Rev. Mr. Gordon thanked the women for their aid, and also the men for their liberal support during the year. After a short prayer, the meeting adjourned.

## DR. D. W. LEWIS DIED SUNDAY

### One of the Prominent Men of Martin County-- Ex-Confederate Soldier --Large Land Owner.

There died at his home near Hamilton, Martin County, on Sunday morning, May 30th., another of the State's strong men, Dr. D. W. Lewis. Born in Hertford County seventy years ago, he came to Martin County a young man and married Miss Ann Williams, daughter of Samuel Williams. He was by profession a physician, and won success, being skillful and conscientious. In the accumulation of wealth, he was fortunate, acquiring large landed possessions and extensively engaging in farming.

At the beginning of the Civil War he enlisted in the Southern Army and rose to the rank of lieutenant in the cavalry service.

His health has been failing for some time, but he ever hoped for recovery. Monday he was laid to rest, the Rev. W. J. Gordon performing the last, sad rites.

Summer coughs and colds are obstinate and difficult to cure. The most prompt method is to take something pleasant which will gently move the bowels; a good laxative cough syrup. Bees Laxative Cough Syrup will surely and promptly cure your cold. Sold by Chase's Drug Store.

### DARDENS ITEMS

Mr. Joe Mathews was in Dardens Tuesday.

Mr. Herton of Plymouth was here Wednesday.

Mrs. W. H. Corprew, of Edenton, is here visiting relatives.

Mr. Roland Biggs took Miss Lucy Robbins to the Union Sunday.

Miss Feebie Riddick, of Williamston, is the guest of Miss Minnie Riddick.

Dr. U. S. Hassell, of Jamesville, passed through here Tuesday from a visit to Columbia.

Mr. Asa Allen and the attractive Miss Vida Simpson attended the Union at Moratock.

Mrs. Annie Riddick of Williamston was a guest in the home of Mr. John Riddick this week.

Mr. N. T. Coburn and daughter Mrs. Annie Bateman, spent Monday night in Plymouth, attended church, also the carnival.

Mrs. David Swinson entertained quite a number of her friends Monday night. Mrs. Swinson is a delightful hostess, and every one enjoyed a visit there.

Mr. Sam Coburn and sister, Miss Ruth, spent Friday in Williamston, and were accompanied home by the charming Miss Lillie Wynne. Miss Wynne is a welcome guest here, having made many friends last winter when she taught the School of this place.

Quite a jolly crowd from here attended the Union at Moratock Sunday. Among them were: Misses Lillie Wynn, Ruth Coburn, Bernice Fagan, Donnie Gardner, Mattie Fagan and Ora Lavis; Messrs. Sam Coburn, Raymond Coburn, Lennie Coburn, Carrell Fagan, Stephen Davis, E. S. Mizell. The wagon was completely packed, and a great many more would have gone, if the wagon had been made of elastic.

Pineules--new kidney remedy--are for all diseases of the kidney and bladder. They act promptly in all cases of lame back, rheumatic pains, inflammation of the bladder, urinary disorders and weak kidneys.