

FARM GRIT.

GRIT GRINDS

Edited by
COUNTY AGENT

Let us grow clover and grass on the hill;
While intensely the levels and flats we till.
The cows and hens will settle our daily bill;
While the beeves, sheep and tobacco the coffers fill.
And, when orchard, garden and sty the larder fill,
Then, with a smile, will Mary greet her Bill.

GOOD PASTURES—The County Agent enjoyed a visit on last Thursday from the Director of the State Experiment Stations, Dr. Winters, Mr. Earl Hostetler, who is in charge of the beef cattle, sheep and hog work in the stations, and Mr. J. W. Goodman, District Extension Agent in the mountains.

This visit was made principally that Mr. Hostetler might look into the beef cattle and sheep conditions in the mountain sections. While here he visited the beef and sheep farm of Ed English on Upper Laurel and Little Creek, the sheep farm of John Ramsey, on East Fork of Bull Creek, and the farm of Dewey Lisenbee, near Marshall.

Mr. Hostetler was not very well impressed with the character of the cattle he saw. He said, however, that it compared

very well with the cattle he had noticed in the rest of his journey thus far. The cattle show too much of the Jersey, Holstein, and Guernsey blood in them for beef purposes. Mr. Hostetler believes in not endeavoring to cross up the two types. The county agent agrees with him. He believes that there is a place for both sorts of cattle in Western Carolina. This is the county agent's idea also. The small farmer whose farm is limited in acreage should be the one for the dairy type, especially if he is close to market. The farmer with the more extensive mountain pastures is the one who should be interested in the beef cattle. This farmer should not depend upon getting his young cattle from the dairy type cows of his neighbors but should arrange to have a herd of good grade beef cows and breed these to a registered beef bull. He will profit by so doing.

The breeding quality of the two Hampshire bucks in the flock of Dewey Lisenbee as

shown by the uniform good character of the spring lambs was remarked by Mr. Hostetler. He stated that this group of lambs was as nice a lot as he had found in the Western part of the state.

Coming from the mountain pasture on John Ramsey's farm Mr. Hostetler said that he had not seen as good pasture on this trip. He also was impressed by the pasture on the Little Creek farm of Ed English and on Dewey Lisenbee's farm.

We feel that the making of good pastures is the first step toward successful farming in this county. The Madison County farmer cannot expect to compete with his neighbor level-land-farmer in the growing of grain. He cannot use much of his land for growing burley. It takes rich ground to grow burley successfully. He can make pastures that are equal and often better than the pastures of any other section. He can also use these pastures for more months out of the year than most of his neighbors. His country is essentially a pasture country and he should make the most of it. We were glad to have the support of the opinions of these visiting agricultural men.

MORE EGGS: MORE PROFIT.

Some time ago we stated, with authority, that a cow that would make 500 pounds of fat in a year was equal, in net income, to 12 cows that would each make 100 pounds of fat in a year. The reason for this

is because of the decreased cost of production due to less labor, less feed (per pound fat) and less overhead.

Now the Missouri Station comes out with some reports on the net profit received from flocks of hens laying different numbers of eggs per hen. They have reports on 7 flocks of White Leghorns, averaging 330 hens each and 117 eggs per hen, and on 17 flocks of White Leghorns, averaging 322 hens each and 183 eggs per hen. The feed cost on these flocks averaged \$580.39 and \$795.66 respectively. The flocks laying the least number of eggs per hen showed a decrease in the inventory of \$80.66, while the other showed an increase in the inventory of \$181.02. The interest on investment was \$65.17 in the case of the lower producing flock and \$78.85 in the other. The incidental expense and the eggs and stock bought were about the same in each instance. The low producing flock showed a labor income per hen of \$1.06 while the larger producing flock showed a labor income per hen of \$2.95; a difference of \$1.89 per hen. They laid only 66 eggs per hen more than the low producing flocks. It seems to pay to get good stock.

WAREHOUSE NEARING ITS COMPLETION.

The steel for the Farmers Warehouse came on Monday and that evening the beams were in place. In a few days the building will be completed and ready for business.

SOME CORN.

Sheriff Ramsey brought to the office last Saturday two stalks of corn from his field of yellow corn. One stalk carried two ears the other one. Two other ears were included in the exhibit. These ears were all around 11 inches in length, large around, filled to the tip and hard. They were grown on a field that, Bob says, never grew over 10 or 15 bushels to the acre before. This year there will be harvested 50 to 60 bushels to the acre of good corn.

Later an exhibit of ears of white corn was brought in from the same farm. This corn was grown on land that, according to those who know, never did produce anything. This year there is around 50 bushels of corn to the acre.

BETTER ASK SHERIFF HOW IT WAS DONE.

TEST NEARLY COMPLETED.

On Tuesday, October 1, Dr. Shuford will complete the tuberculin test of those herds selling cream to the Biltmore creamery. If there are any that have had their herds missed it will be thru oversight, not intentional. On Tuesday the herds of J. B. Arrowood, Will Kent, J. B. Wallin, S. E. Moore, H. L. Ward, W. C. Silvers, Charlie Boyd, and H. G. Teague. If there are any others that wish to have their herds tested in order that they may sell cream this winter and spring please let the county agent know of it.

From MIDDLE FORK

Our Sunday School is still improving at M. F. We sure did have some nice singing at Beach Glenn Sunday afternoon. There were a good many there. Mrs. Nellie Harris from Weaver-



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FORGETTING

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"I'll put you away,"
Said a sweet little boy,
To a present from his mother—
A brand new toy.

So he put it away,
And then he forgot
That nice little ball
His mother had bought.

Many years then passed,
And his mother had died;
When a man found a ball—
He sat down and cried.

The colors had faded,
Of that brand new toy,
That once had been given
To a sweet little boy.

And so like the ball
Are we all today—
The sweetest of flowers
Will soon fade away.

So let's do our best,
And go at life with a smile,
And try to live happily
All of the while.

We all do forget things,
Like the boy did the ball;
But everyone will remember,
Someday, one and all.

Smoke Eaters Are Santa Claus' Helpers

In a number of places the members of city fire departments are planning to again put in time between alarms by acting as Santa Claus' helpers. Spare hours of the "smoke eaters" are devoted to making toys for tenement and other kiddies who might otherwise find that Christmas is just another dreary day of the year. In other cases, clubs and charitable organizations collect broken and discarded toys which the firemen repair and duco or paint in brilliant colors. Among the first to assist in brightening little lives were the fire fighters of Wilmington, Delaware. A number of other departments have followed the lead of the Wilmington firemen. The early start to be made this year will mean happiness for a greater number of youngsters than ever before.

FROM ODESSA

Rev. Mr. Cox preached a wonderful sermon at the Brick Church Sunday.

Mr. W. C. Clark motored to town Friday.

Mrs. M. F. Freeman spent Sunday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Capps.

Mr. Jess Clark is very ill.

We were sorry to hear about Miss Sue Reeves' death.

Mr. George Surratt was at W. E. Waldrop's store Saturday.

Mr. N. A. Flemmons was out motoring Sunday.

Mr. Gaton Ledford passed through this section Monday.

Mr. Charlie Waldroup motored to Asheville Thursday.

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Miss Mamie and Elsie Surratt went to Little Sandy Saturday.

Mr. Claud Androm and Mr. Ed Reeves made some fine music at Mr. Jess Aldroms' Saturday night.



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