

FARM GRIT.

GRIT GRINDS.

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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.

ALFALFA—Several farmers have spoken of the advisability of growing a small amount of alfalfa for hay. We have invariably replied that we were much in favor of growing, on each farm, a small acreage of this plant. The size of the field used must depend upon several things. The amount of stock kept on the place must be considered; the amount of help available during the season must be known; the size of the farm is a consideration.

Always we would start in a small way, say an acre, and increase gradually as our success and the needs of our farm justified. Alfalfa requires a rich, well drained soil to grow properly. There is no need of trying to raise it on thin soil, or on a water clogged soil. Also the soil must be sweet. This calls for limestone. We should say four or more tons to the acre. Every year the field should be fertilized with 200 to 400 pounds of a fertilizer containing phosphorous and potash. The crop must be inoculated.

Mr. C. A. Hutton, Dairy Specialist, Tennessee, gives 11 reasons why alfalfa should be grown. They are rather long but we are going to print these reasons:

1. It is one of the richest hays in digestible crude protein, total digestible food nutrients, and minerals, especial-

ly lime and phosphorous.
2. The average yield of hay and total digestible nutrients per acre is 60 per cent greater than for its nearest competitor, red clover, while the digestible crude protein per acre is two and one-fourth times as great and the amount of lime twice as great.

3. The average yield of hay, of digestible crude protein and total food nutrients is two and one-half times as great as that of soy-beans or cow-pea hay, while the amount of lime is three times as great.

4. The hay is the cleanest and most nearly free of weeds, briars, bull nettles, etc., of any hay crop we can grow. It is an ideal roughage for all kinds of farm animals.

5. There is less waste in feeding than is the case of soy-beans or cowpeas.

6. As pasture crop it is not excelled in quality by any plant (We doubt if it should be considered for pasture in this section.)

7. The cost of seed and of preparing the land is less per acre per year than for most other legumes.

8. The danger of heavy loss from rain in curing is less than with other hay crops, as there is a smaller percentage of the season's cut in any one cutting.

9. It is freer from disease and insect enemies than most legumes.

10. Experience of successful growers all over the State shows that it is not nearly as difficult nor expensive to get and maintain a stand as we used to think.

11. It is a deep-rooted plant and improves the land by adding nitrogen and vegetable matter."

WHEN SHALL TOBACCO BE MARKETED—A customary question today is "When you going to put your tobacco on the market?" or some similar query.

Mr. Milton, who works thru-out the bright burley belt of Tennessee, was a visitor of the county agent last week. We asked Mr. Milton his opinion of the tobacco market. His reply was that, while the crop in sight is a very little larger than that of last year, there is no reason why prices should not be good. "But," he continued, "we can look for the biggest glut in history when the market opens. A large number of farmers in Tennessee are thru handing their tobacco and expect to go on the early market."

We are not advising anything. If it were possible we would advise all farmers to market their tobacco in an orderly manner, spreading the crop thru-out the season. This seems to be impossible. Therefore we suggest that every one watch the market and market accordingly. Looks as tho the later market might be better than the early.

ANOTHER PIG STORY—Robert Bryan, son of Crawford Bryan, made good with a pig this year. He fed this pig according to the instructions of the State Swine Specialist as his 4-H Club project. He kept a correct account of all feed fed, allowed \$1.20 for pasture, \$3.00 for his labor, and \$6. for

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the value of the pig at the start. On this basis the pig cost \$23.65. The pig sold for \$27.17, leaving a net profit above feed cost, initial investment, and labor cost of \$3.52.

This pig was 8 weeks old when started and was fed for 20 weeks, about 4 1/2 months by the calendar. It required 13 minutes each day to feed and care for the pig and Robert calculated his time worth 10 cents an hour.

Suppose the money invested in this pig had been put out at 6 per cent interest for the 20 weeks, what would the return have been? A little less than 60 cents. So Robert really made a return on his money of 6 times what loaning it at 6% would have brought him.

KEEP DECEMBER 10TH OPEN. A PROGRAM IS BEING PLANNED FOR THAT DAY AT THE WAREHOUSE OF THE MADISON FARMERS, INC.

HOME DEMONSTRATOR'S COLUMN

Miss Willie Hunter, Extension Clothing Specialist, conducted a Clothing Leaders School on Children's Clothing. This will be the last leaders school of this year. The lesson was on Children's Clothing, which will be given to the clubs during December.

The Home Agent will not meet any club the week of November 25, as she will make her annual report.

From Walnut Creek

Mr. Cullus Rice has purchased a Chevrolet truck.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Wallin were visiting Mr. Elisha Rice Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Emman Wilde was visiting Mrs. Bessie Wallin Monday.

Come on Big Laurel. What's wrong with you. We want to hear from you again.

To the Office Kat:—Your picture looks real nifty. Better than the old ferocious looking Office Kat. There is but one thing wrong, you do not write your Kolum enough.

With a Ringing Laugh
My wife calls me up every hour—
she's phoney that way!
—The Pathfinder.

From ALEXANDER

There will be a box supper at French Broad High School on Saturday, Nov. 23, 1929. Every one is invited.

Miss Frances V. Roberts and Mr. Carl Boyd motored to Greenville, South Carolina, and were married Monday, Nov. 18. They spent the night at the Hotel...

at Leicester.
Mr. Garland Sluder is coming back to school at F. B.

They are having a dinner on the ground at Red Oak church Sunday, Nov. 24.

Mr. Clay Goforth is still going to college in his Chrysler.

Miss Dora Purcey started back in

to school Tuesday after a long absence.

Mrs. Eddie DeBruhl and Miss Mildred DeBruhl were visiting Mrs. J. G. Roberts Monday afternoon.

Mr. Kelmer Roberts is seriously ill away from home.

There were four hogs killed in Alexander section Monday.

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