

Local Notes.

OAK GROVE UNION, NO. 1397.

As we keep reading of what other Unions in various parts of the county are doing, and as we haven't written anything to our paper, we will endeavor to make a short note of what we have been doing and are doing. We have been organized two or more years and have never yet made a record to the public of what we have and are. We organized with just enough members to secure a charter, but it was not long before we had thirty and over, and we still hold that number and are still on the upward growth in gaining members and business. We also have a dozen or more lady members. The men in the Union believe in letting the women have a share in their business transactions and not keeping everything behind their backs.

Brother farmer, get your wife to join the Union and make your business more business-like. We find that we can save money in many cases by having our Agent order goods direct from manufacturers, instead of having them to pass through the hands of two or three middlemen. We are getting all of our fertilizer this way, no one having anything to say in buying it, except the Agent. No one knows what it costs until we have the fertilizers, and just here we may say a word for our Agent, which is such a big help to any Local when properly conducted. Ours is a man whom we are not afraid to trust prices to his keeping; so we can go ahead without fear. We believe in the building of the warehouse, which is coming in this county. Our Local subscribed liberally according to ability. We understand the charter has already been applied for.

Yours truly,
C. ADOLPHUS MILLER.

January 21, 1913.

"WHAT MY LOCAL HAS DONE."

It is hard to ascertain the good my or any other Local has done for the community. Because the Local that brings results does not move in a business direction by starts and fits—it is not spasmodic; but my Local, the Fallston Local, No. 1618, has made a record along business lines that the most scrutinizing, non-union critic does not deny. It has so emphasized itself in this way that neighbor does not doubt neighbor any more as in days gone by, but join hands for the common good and co-operate as one man in buying and selling. It has brought about material results in such away by co-operating together that the farmer on his way to a Local meeting can hold his head up and feel that he has business to see after as much so as the merchant when he is on his way to the Northern markets to buy goods. And it is so, and the non-union critic does not deny it. Those who are not members of the Union freely acknowledge that they are being benefited in many ways by our Local. We have proven to the community that farmers can stand together, can keep a secret, and can do some business among themselves; and not only that, but it has gained prestige as almost every land owner in the community is now a member.

It has helped the farmers in my community to love and respect each other as never before. It has helped them to mutually agree along business lines. It has helped them to co-operate, and by so doing, their interest has been promoted. It has stimulated an ambition and a determination to educate their sons and daughters.

By a systematic discussion on timely subjects we are learning how to conserve labor in a degree and how to produce at a minimum cost.

In conclusion, the real progressive spirit in farming has come to my community by and through my Local. This progressive spirit will continue with more rapidity when they all read the Carolina Union Farmer more. Fraternaly,

J. D. MORRIS.

Fallston, N. C., Jan. 19, 1913.

GROWING CORN.

Some Points on Growing This Crop in Spite of the Drouth.

In our first installment of this article some question was raised with reference to the third factor in growing corn during a dry season—that is "deep planting." Some wanted to know how to plant deep and cover shallow; others asked what disposition should be made of the two-row corn planters on some farms where deep planting was advised.

The first question is easily answered: Plow the land deep and plant the corn in a furrow and cover shallow, allowing some two or more inches of loose soil to remain between the corn grain and the hard unbroken subsoil. The planting may be done with the ordinary one-row corn planter or by hand, after this furrow has been made.

The second question is not so readily answered, since farms on which the two-row corn planters are used are generally large and a large acreage must be planted in a short time. Here, evidently, the operations of first laying off the rows and then planting the corn will consume much valuable time—more, perhaps, than most farmers can spare at this time of the year; but we must always bear in mind two things, namely, that the midsummer drouth is coming, especially in the Piedmont section, and that we have started out to grow corn, even though we do have to spend a little extra time in the preparation of the land and the planting of the crop.

To those who have been accustomed to the use of the two-row or check-row corn planter, we would recommend the use of the lister, wide deep furrow, which drops the corn, and covers it all in one operation; an implement that has for years past been constantly and generally used in the more aired portions of the West.

Land on which the lister is used should be deeply broken and thoroughly prepared before planting just as though the two-row surface planter were to be used. It requires a little more time to plant the crop in this way, but the greater security against the ravages of the midsummer drouth will generally more than offset the small extra cost in planting, especially on the farms of Piedmont North Carolina.

The manufacturers who put out the lister also make a special cultivator with which to work the corn planted thus deeply below the surface. Parlin & Orenndorff Machinery Company, St. Louis, Missouri, offer a lister, together with special cultivators. Your hardware dealer can cite you to other companies also that make as good, and maybe an even better implement, than the above-named company, which is referred to here because we happened to have one of their catalogues on our desk.

Now is the time to prepare for the midsummer drouth of 1913. Plow the land deep this winter and let it freeze and thaw and absorb large quantities of moisture. You will need every drop of it next summer. Remember, it takes about 375 pounds of water to make one pound of every matter in a corn crop. Therefore, in order to grow forty bushels of corn on an acre of ground you must put at least 790 tons of water into your soil and subsoil this winter and next spring.

J. L. BURGESS,



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