

Farm Questions

Q.—How many pigs can be turned into a lot where steers are being fattened?
 A.—This depends upon the form in which the concentrate is fed and the age of the steers. From one to three pigs should follow each steer when snop corn is fed; one to two pigs when husked ear corn is fed; one pig per steer when shelled corn is used, and one pig to each two or three steers when the corn is crushed or ground. With steers that are less than two years old, the number of pigs would be reduced. In addition to the feed picked up in the lot, the pigs should be given an animal protein supplement and minerals.

Q.—What is the best time to sow seeds in cold frames or hotbeds for the early spring garden?
 A.—The best time to sow seeds will depend upon the time the plants are wanted in the fall and also upon the section. Hardy crops such as cabbages and lettuce are usually transplanted to the field as early as January 15 in the eastern part of the State. In the mountain sections, these hardy crops are star-

ted in the hotbeds on coldframes about January 1 to 15. For a very early crop, such tender vegetables as tomatoes and peppers should be started from 8 to 10 weeks before it is safe to get them in the field and for the main summer crops the seed should be sown from three to four weeks before danger of frost is over.

Q.—Should oyster shell be kept before the laying hens at all times?
 A.—This mineral may be substituted with ground limestone but one or the other should be accessible to the laying flock all the time. The mineral content of the hen's body is nearly four percent and the mineral content of the egg is eleven percent so it is necessary that the birds have certain mineral elements for growth and repair of the body. Other necessary minerals are bone meal and salt. These elements supply calcium, phosphorus, sodium and chlorine and the oyster shell or ground limestone supplies additional calcium.

One of the finest rural homes in Union County is the one belonging to Talmadge Austin, a young farmer who cultivates 80 acres of land two miles east of Marshville.

HISTORY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Editor's Note: Below is the History of the First Presbyterian Church prepared by Rev. J. K. Hall, former pastor of the local church, but now pastor of Goshen, Presbyterian church of North Belmont. Rev. Hall read this history at the dedication of the Neisler Memorial Education Building held December 5, 1937.

The Kings Mountain Presbyterian Church was organized by a commission of Mecklenburg April 5, 1884. Grover Cleveland had just been elected President of the United States for the first time, Victoria was still Queen of England, the young Emperor William II was not to ascend the German throne for four years, Alexander III, father of the ill-fated Czar Nicholas, was Czar of Russia. The textile industry in the Piedmont Carolinas was in its infancy, a few visionaries were dreaming of the horseless carriage, the flying machine was not to come until many years later, and Radio had not even been dreamed of. Roads were of the red variety, and in winter, knee deep in mud. Travel was slow and difficult. The Civil War was only nineteen years in the past, and the country had not recovered from the utter financial prostration caused by that frightful civil strife. The organizers of the Kings Mountain Presbyterian Church had not escaped. They, like all others, were poor, but full of faith and courage. Their faith and courage is seen in that eighteen men and women undertook to organize and support a church in those trying times. Such faith and courage should never be forgotten. The names of these courageous men and women are as follows: W. I. Stowe, Mrs. W. I. Stowe, Thomas Stowe, Dr. T. J. Walker, Mrs. M. E. Houser, Dr. T. T. Hay, Miss Ella Hay, Miss Rosetta Hay, Louis G. Hay, Mrs. Louis G. Hay, Richard T. Cansler, Mrs. Richard T. Cansler, Mrs. A. P. Asbury, Miss M. M. Asbury, Mrs. Carrie Black, Mrs. M. J. Dellinger, Miss Addie Smith, Miss Sallie E. Asbury.

This heroic little band, and heroic as was, immediately undertook the erection of a church building. For three years they struggled and sacrificed. In 1887 their efforts were crowned with success. The church, a plain wooden structure that it was, is a monument to the sacrifice and persistence of the little band that built it. Many a magnificent temple has been erected with only a fraction of the self-sacrifice that went into this plain wooden house of God. At first the growth of the church was slow. This was to have been expected from the infrequency of services held. For a period of time the church was able to secure only one service a month. Later they had one morning service and two evening services. It was not until 1906, twenty-four years after the organization of the church, that the church was able to take half of a preacher's time. In 1920 a full time pastor was secured.

Sixteen ministers have served this church. The list is as follows: E. P. Davis, E. E. Ervin, E. A. Sample, W. L. Walker, J. K. Hall, R. J. McEllwaine, J. R. Millard, J. M. Forbis, S. S. Oliver, R. A. Miller, C. L. Bragow, J. E. Berryhill, F. J. Hay, I. S. McElroy, R. C. Wilson and P. D. Patrick.

When we see this long list of ministers it is evident that many pastorate were short and changes frequent. These frequent changes may help explain the slowness of growth in the church's early history. In looking over the list of ministers it can be seen that the church has been served by a good average of ministers, two of them being outstanding. Rev. E. P. Davis, D. D., became one of the great preachers and pastors of the Southern Presbyterian Church, and few, if any, minis-

ters in our church surpassed Dr. I. S. McElroy in intellectual acumen and vigor of thought. Nineteen elders and twenty-five deacons have served the church. Time limits forbid even the listing of our members. They have always been, and still are, a fine body of men, faithfully performing the important duties devolving upon them. I shall say nothing of the living; their lives and deeds speak for themselves. However, I wish to say a word about two who have gone home. I wish to speak of Mr. H. P. Allison for his pluck and faithfulness to his church. Paralyzed from his waist down, he sought no pity, nor asked any favor. He refused to let his handicap keep him from doing a full man's work in the world. He was clerk of the session and regular in his attendance upon all the services of the sanctuary. After 43 years I can still see him as he entered the old frame church made possible by the marvelous skill he had acquired in the use of crutches. You have already guessed the second name. If I were to ask you what one individual preacher, officer and private member has done most for the advancement of this church, all would say Mr. C. E. Neisler, Sr. He lived over almost the entire life of the church. He joined the church when it was weak and struggling and lived to see it strong and vigorous. He put his heart, his money, his prayers and his splendid talents in building up this church.

I have already traced the growth of the Sunday School in another connection, yet a few words more are needed. The Sunday School was organized July 10, 1887, with elder W. I. Stowe as superintendent. In 1897 Mr. C. E. Neisler, Sr., became superintendent, and continued in that office more than a quarter of a century. The present capable superintendent is Mr. C. F. Thomason. This is one department of church work which has not been crippled by frequent changes. In its whole history of fifty years there have been only three superintendents.

Women have always been the strong arm of the church. Their piety, zeal, energy and persistence have made it so. The women of this church are no exception to the rule. On December 5, 1893, forty four years ago today, a ladies aid society was organized at the home of Capt J. W. Brown with thirteen charter members. Mrs. Brown was elected the first president. From that day to this the women's work of the church has had a continuous history, chafing and enlarging until the ladies auxiliary of the King's Mountain church is one of the most vigorous auxiliaries in the presbytery. Time limits forbid the mention of many fine things they have done.

The Young People of the Church are the hope of the future. This hope has not been neglected by the Kings Mountain Church. For years a vigorous young people's work has been carried on, and leaders trained for the future. The Young People of this Church have been unusually faithful, and the work here might well be an example to other churches.

The choir, often a target for unkind criticism, "is an important arm of the church. This church as always had a volunteer choir and organist, whose faithfulness and cooperation have rendered a great service through the years."

And what shall I say of the great body of private members? They get little credit, yet among them are unsung heroes. A general cannot gain victories without soldiers in the ranks. A church cannot go forward without a body of faithful members. All arms of the church have concentrated on the erection of this splendid edifice to the glory of God. It was this fine team work that made your achievement possible.

With the dedication of this splendid sanctuary, you close fifty three years of life and service. In the years to come may you achieve a richer life and fuller service.

Bladen cotton growers report increased yields amounting to an average of about one-half bale of lint cotton per acre as a result of treating the planting seed last spring.

The most up-to-date poultry house in Jones County is one recently constructed by G. B. Eubanks of Comfort for the 200 layers in his flock.

State of North Carolina, County of Cleveland.
 In the Superior Court.
 Arthur L. Parker, Plaintiff,
 Vs.
 Addie Parker, Defendant.

NOTICE
 The defendant, above-named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cleveland County, North Carolina, wherein the plaintiff seeks an absolute divorce from the defendant; that said defendant will also take notice that she is required to appear at the Clerk of the Superior Court's office in Shelby, N. C., on the 6th day of January, 1937, and answer or demur to the complaint now on file in said action in the said Clerk's office, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 6th day of December 1937.

A. M. [Signature]
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NOTICE OF SALE
 Under and by virtue of the power of sale given me by the Last Will and Testament of W. Boyce Weir, Deceased, I will sell for cash on the premises of the land hereinafter described, on Friday, December 31, 1937, at ten o'clock A. M., or within legal hours the following described real estate:
 Tract No. One: Containing 58.29 acres. Tract No. two, containing 29.94 acres. Tract No. three, containing 2.93 acres. Tract No. four, containing 1.51 acres and Tract No. five, containing 1.52 acres.

All of said tracts will appear on a map or plat made by A. P. Falls, Surveyor, now on record in the Register of Deeds Office for Cleveland County, reference to which is had for a fuller description.

This 29th day of November, 1937.
 J. R. DAVIS,
 Executor for the Last Will and Testament of W. Boyce Weir, Deceased.
 —adv—dec 23—D

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