

DAUGHTERS AID SOUTHERN FARMERS TO DIVERSIFY CROPS

Conference of 15 Women Agents From 15 Southern States Show Increased Interest of Southern Women in Department of Agriculture's Garden Canning, and Poultry Clubs.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 21.—Daughters of Southern Farmers, who have been members of the United States Department of Agriculture's garden and canning clubs have been able to give their fathers practical demonstrations of the value of crop diversification during the present bad cotton year. The actual products which the girls have put up are proving an invaluable asset in many farm homes where the cotton crop has not brought the customary returns and many farmers are now substituting whole acres of onions and tomatoes in place of cotton after seeing the success which the young women have made with these crops.

A conference of the women agents from 15 Southern States is in progress in the United States Department of Agriculture's Office of Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work in the South. Fifteen women agents are present, each representing a State in addition to the members of the office who have charge of the work. These agents supervise the work of 369 county agents who direct the work of 33,420 girls. Data of some of the State reports given here is merely an indication of the general interest that is being taken more and more throughout the South in the club-movement work.

Tennessee Girl Diversifies Crops.
Madge Farrar has proven the possibilities of growing crops all the year round in her State. By raising and selling vegetables throughout the year she made a net profit of \$131.62 while the second best girl, who also did good work but did not diversify, made \$96.20 profit. The girl with the second average grew only beans and tomatoes during the fall and summer. Miss Farrar, however, having grown these crops put in onions during the winter which she sold at a good profit early in February. She then proceeded to plant cabbage which brought her an income during April and May, while peas were her main crop in June. This brought her back to the tomato and bean season and rounded out a year of profitable vegetable growing.

Another young woman found a peach orchard into which hogs had been turned. She took her canner with her and established herself in the orchard to save what was left from the hogs, and made \$69 in one week from her work. Similar instances have demonstrated the possibilities of saving waste in that section and there has been a more general interest exhibited not only by the interest exhibited not only by the farmers' daughters but by many of their wives.

Pig Possibilities in Southern Mississippi

Although the area where pigs will grow in this country is extremely limited, in certain sections of Southern Mississippi this fruit grows so plentifully that its value is not appreciated and barrels of pigs go to waste every year. Under the conditions that exist in dooryards and gardens, the trees require little or no cultivation and the majority of owners eat a few, can a few for home use, and permit the rest to go to waste, except in localities where commercial cannery are prepared to buy the fruit from the day as it ripens.

During the past year two counties of Southern Mississippi decided to specialize in canning pigs. One girl packed 500 pints which she sold for 35c a pint. The girls in these sections are now leaving tomatoes for other less fortunate districts where pigs will not grow and are planting six planted to the other crops. The demand for this product from figness sections is far beyond the supply.

Four years ago there were but two counties in Mississippi where pig canning was carried on for the girls. The next year there were three counties, the next twenty-three, and during the past year there were thirty-five counties organized.

Pimentos have proven a particular boon to certain counties in South Carolina as have figs in Mississippi. Certain clubs have been specializing in tomatoes, deciding that there were possibilities in pimentos, which are not as generally grown and which

are canned in practically no other parts of the country, the main canned product here being imported from Spain and Mexico. Since the product of these young women has been put on the market, requests have come from 45 States for information regarding the canning and culture of this valuable food product which the American people in general do not yet understand.

The total profit of all the South Carolina club girls for the past year was over \$28,000. Every agent who assists the girls is a college graduate who has received special domestic-science training. Home demonstration work is a feature, the motto being "Do one thing at a time." There was, for instance, a home made fireless-cooker campaign which lasted for three days in one section and resulted in a hundred home made cookers being put into use. A fly-trap campaign is to be next in order, and after that a butter-making campaign.

The Value of a Name in North Carolina

Two sisters in North Carolina have established such a reputation for their canned fruits and vegetables that they cannot fill the demand. The rules of the agent in charge of the North Carolina work make it necessary that the name and address of every club member go on every can she puts on the market. "Give me a can of Mebel Norris tomatoes," or "Give me a can of Agnes Norris peaches," requests the housewife of the grocer in the section where these two sisters sell their products. These young women no longer put up their product in glass but in this their name on the outside being sufficient guarantee for the appearance of the product.

The North Carolina girls are being taught to be business women as well as to help put up superior products. The State leaders, when they first interested the girls in the work, attempted to find markets for them, but as more girls join the clubs this is impossible, and each girl is taught to get out among the housewives and dealers of her neighborhood, and make her own market. Similarly, in Mississippi, marketing committees are organized by the girls themselves and club members in one section put those of another section in touch with possible markets for their goods.

Texas Girl Helps Father Who Cannot Sell Cotton

Annie Davis, who was last year the grand champion girl of Texas and came to Washington with the other champions, has this year come to the aid of her father who raises a cotton crop and couldn't sell it. She had saved her money to take a course at an industrial school, but the cotton crisis came along and her money was given to help the family. This young woman from the funds which she earned last year has purchased her father a team of horses and a wagon.

The Texas girls have shown an unusual interest in poultry in addition to their canning and garden work. This is only the first year of the poultry work, but already 250 young women have accomplished actual results, and in not a single case did the girls fail to make a profit. The result has been that in many cases the whole flock of poultry on a farm has been turned over to the daughter. The marketable value of infertile eggs has been emphasized, for in the past great quantities of eggs were sent to the market when they were beyond the point of using.

One girl cleared last year \$180 from her turkey and \$258 from her chickens in addition, being an all round farmer, she has made a profit from her garden and canning work. This young woman's success has evidently made an impression on her father, for during the past year he has reduced his cotton acreage one-half and has put in vegetable products. These are not for home use alone, for he has installed a small home canner and the whole family are going to help in canning the stuff for market.

The Methodist Church.

There will be services at the Methodist church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., conducted by the pastor. On the evening hour the pastor will preach the fourth sermon in the series on "Community Life." The topic is "Law Enforcement." This is the last sermon of this series and probably the most important one. A cordial invitation is extended to all citizens of Louisburg to attend this service.

LEVER WAREHOUSE BILL PASSES HOUSE.

Measure Intended To Benefit Agricultural Interests But Is Not Compulsory.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The Lever cotton warehouse bill, before the House for months, was passed today, 218 to 97. The measure provides for federal licensing of cotton and grain warehouses, and is a substitute for a Senate bill restricted to cotton warehouses. The bill now goes to conference between the houses.

The bill approved by the administration, was the subject of brief debate, its sponsors contending that it would greatly enhance confidence in agricultural products. Its opponents claimed it was unconstitutional.

"This bill," said Representative Lever, "will result in the establishment of uniform warehouses and provide uniform warehouse receipts for agricultural products throughout the country. It will give a certainty and value to warehouse receipts which will make liquid the evidence of ownership of agricultural products. It will enhance the value of warehouse receipts as collateral on which loans may be sought by producers. It will give greater negotiability to agricultural receipts for agricultural products."

"The measure will bring together more closely agricultural products and banking capital. It will result in larger storage facilities for agricultural products and will serve as an incentive to farmers to store their products and thereby save millions of dollars of weather loss each year. It will furnish to the farmer for the first time in this country the machinery through which he not only may know the class of trade of his products, but its commercial value. It will put him in position to market his crops when the demand is strongest and the price highest. It is a farmers' bill and a most far-reaching forward step in our cumbersome system of marketing."

The bill is not compulsory in any way.

VANCE LANDS RECORD BREAKER.

Employs Whole Time Health Officer Who Helped Establish a World's Record in Health Work.

Vance county again shows a lot of other counties a pair of clean heels. This time she has elected a whole time county health officer. Dr. D. C. Asher, of Wilkesboro, was the man finally decided upon. For several months Vance county authorities have been casting about over this and other States to find the best health officer available. They early recognized that it would be taking chances to tag any doctor that happened to apply for the office and call him a health officer. Health work is different from the practice of medicine as is surgery or dentistry. They appreciated also the fact that training a man to be a sanitarian and health officer is a slow expensive and an uncertain proposition. In some cases a doctor may readily become a good public health official while in other cases he may prove to be the proverbial square man in the round hole.

Dr. Asher will co-operate with the State Board of Health in his work in Vance and the plan of work adopted by him and the county is that approved by the Board.

Dr. Asher graduated in medicine from the University of Maryland in 1904. For the last two years he has been making a record for himself in hookworm and community health work for the State Board of Health. He has just completed a campaign in the Philadelphia community in which out of a population of 951, every family installed some form of sanitary privy, every person was examined for hookworm disease, and every person having the disease was treated. This, the community of Philadelphia is claiming is a world record.

A Red Cross Christmas Seal If Any

There is little reason or excuse for the unusual run of Christmas stickers when Red Cross Seals are available. The various Christmas stickers

still used occasionally have no significance beyond a Christmas suggestion and the immense revenue they turn in to the makers of holiday novelties.

The Red Cross Seal has a distinct mission. Besides playing the part of a messenger of the season's cheer and greetings, it stands for the real Christmas spirit—love, sympathy, service for a brotherhood of suffering humanity and as the means of alleviating this suffering humanity by stamping out the cause—tuberculosis.

Sentiment and reason have paved the way for the Red Cross Seals, and their work as well as their popularity is well established. The time is already when the presence of a meaningless type of a sticker in the place of a Red Cross Seal is not understood and appreciated by the recipient when the latter is to be had, earning 1-s-hthe-mhuman

Organize Fishing Club.

On last Friday afternoon a number of Louisburg's citizens upon invitation met in the office of Mr. S. P. Boddie where and when a fishing club was organized. On the first Monday Dr. A. H. Fleming leased the old Jackson mill property and after the organization of the club he transferred his lease to this organization. A permanent organization was made with the following officers:

President; W. H. Ruffin, 1st. Vice-president—Dr. William Edwards, 2nd. Vice-President J. O. Wilson, 3rd Vice-President—W. K. Massenburg, Secretary and treasurer—Dr. A. H. Fleming. "Jackson Pond Fishing Club" was unanimously selected for the name of this organization and it was ordered that the membership be limited to forty members and that each application should be made in writing, also that applicants be invited to send in their applications at once. A committee composed of Messrs. S. P. Boddie, W. K. Massenburg, Dr. E. M. Perry, F. W. Hicks, and A. F. Johnson were appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws.

It was also decided that the membership fee for the first year should not exceed \$10.00 each.

The meeting was a very enthusiastic one and gave evidence of an interest that will make this one of the best places of attraction in this county.

Mrs. Fulghum Entertains

The popular boarding house of Mrs. Fulghum on Church street was the scene on Friday evening when Mrs. Fulghum entertained in honor of her boarders.

About twenty guests were present and the evening was one of much pleasure.

The house was beautifully decorated in the Christmas greens and Mrs. Sykes and the Misses Fulghum gave a delightful musical programme.

Cake and ambrosias with an abundance of fruits and candies were served and the guests on departing declared they had had a most pleasant evening.

PERSONALS

Mrs. F. M. Winchester of Charlotte is a visitor in our town this week, guest of the Misses Jarman.

Mrs. Best Entertains.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. E. L. Best very charmingly entertained the Wednesday afternoon Bridge Club.

A delightful two table game was played, and dainty refreshments served.

Mrs. Best as ever, was a charming hostess and the meeting was a delightful one.

Those present were: Misses Eleanor Cooke, Annie Allen, and Annie Green; Mesdames S. P. Boddie, J. L. Palmer, Joe Mann, Garland Ricks S. J. Parham and Jim Allan.

Mrs. Prugh Dead.

The many friends of Mrs. Malcolm McKinnis will learn with much regret that her sister, Mrs. John L. Prugh, of Chicago, died on Thursday of last week before the arrival of Mrs. McKinnis. Mrs. Prugh will be pleasantly remembered by many of Louisburg's people, as she visited our little city about three years ago, and the announcement of her death will be received with much regret and sorrow by her many friends here.

Good Will To All.

No matter what the past has been, or the future may bring forth, we shall harbor no unkind thought of any human being this Christmas day.

NO DECISIVE GAIN BY EITHER SIDE.

Germans in Poland Are Again Making Fierce Attack Toward Capital and Russians Are Opposing Them With an Army Fifty Miles Len; Serious Fighting in Armenia.

London, Dec 21.—(10:40 p. m.—In Poland and Galicia battles are being fought between the Russians and the German and Austrian allies and deep snow in bitter cold. In Belgium and Northern France the Germans and the French, British and Belgian allies are contesting the mud fields, foot by foot.

No news of any decisive gain came from either arena today. The Russian and German claims continue directly contradictory.

Germans Making Final Attack

The Germans in Poland again are making a fierce attack toward the capital and the Russians are opposing them on the east bank of the Bzura river 30 miles west of Warsaw. Grand Duke Nicholas' army here holds a natural strategic line forty miles long, running roughly, north and south along the east banks of the Bzura and Rawka rivers.

Russians Claim Success.

The Petrograd official report claims that the German force in North boundary into East Prussia in a northwesterly direction. It asserts also that the Austrian advance through the Carpathian passes to the north has been checked and attacks of the Przemysl garrison to break through the lines have been repulsed. According to this report the Austrians have been driven into the fortifications with heavy slaughter.

The Austrian communication claims success in the Carpathians but admits that the Russians again occupy Galicia and South Poland in force. Apparently, therefore, the Cracow and Przemysl investments are proceeding and have not been broken.

Serious Fighting in Armenia.

Serious fighting between the Russians and Turks around Erzerum Turkish Armenia, has been stopped by a six-foot snowfall and intense cold, from which the Arabs are suffering bitterly.

Joffre's Clear Cut Order.

Berlin publishes what purports to be an order issued by Gen. Joffre, commander in chief of allied forces in the west dated Dec. 17, exhorting the soldiers and telling them the hour has come to "clear the invader from France."

A late Paris official bulletin describes small gains all along the line, particularly in the center between the Argonne and the Meuse. British ships again have been bombarding Zebruge and Meyst, as well as the coast beyond Ostend, where the Germans have established many shore batteries.

Hungary Growing Restless.

Political development in Hungary, whose people are reported to be deeply discontented because they think that Germany and Austria are falling to give Hungary a fair share of protection are the subject of much speculation and deep interest in England.

TINER-JONES.

Rocky Mount Man Weds Franklin County Girl.

A beautiful home wedding occurred Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. Adkin Jones, three miles north of this city, when Miss Carrie B. Jones and Mr. Adam G. Tiner of Rocky Mount, were joined in holy bonds of wedlock. Rev. Walter M. Gilmore of Louisburg, performed the ceremony. Miss Mary J. Cottrell played the wedding march.

Soon after the ceremony the happy couple left in an automobile for Rocky Mount, where they will make their future home.

Call Phone No 15.

We are requested to state that in case of fire or other trouble at night requiring the services of fire officer B. H. Meadows, a telephone call for No. 15 will get him at once. The telephone has been moved from the fire house to Mr. Meadows' room and everything made ready that immediate service can be rendered upon the call at No. 15.

The wonderful story of the Christ will be told in churches this Christmas day—the most fascinating of all stories. Will you listen?

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

—And—

Happy and Prosperous New Year

To Each and Everyone is the Wish of the

Editor of The Times and It's Force

Luke McLuke Says.

Once upon a time a man remembered that this day was the tenth anniversary of his wedding and he brought home some flowers and candy to his wife and gave her a kiss. And it took eight doctors nine days to restore the poor woman from the effects of the shock.

The Soft Hearted men are the best fellows and have the most friends. But they are equally working for and paying rent to the Hard-Hearted men.

After sitting up the people he meets every day, a man can't understand why any blamed fool would want to be a Cannibal.

It is funny, but it is a fact. The Rich think the poor are extravagant and the poor think the rich are stingy.

There are all sorts of people in the world, including the human hog who eats five times a day and roars about the evils of the liquor habit.

If you hate a man you also regard his hog as the meanest, crudest brute in the world. We have just had a peek at the new

winter lingerie. No, it wasn't being worn. It was in a fashion sheet. The popular garment is the Umbrella Combination and it is about as big as a man's pocket handkerchief. It begins at the waist and it doesn't reach to the knees. The dear things wear this and get prickly heat and the fool men wear their heavies with the bottoms rolled up into wads around their ankles and then they holler with rheumatism. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

Merry Christmas!

- A Merry Christmas!
- A Merry Christmas to you
- A Merry Christmas to our friends
- A Merry Christmas to our enemies
- A Merry Christmas to Everybody
- And we are going to have our own share too.

Mr. G. L. Crowell has moved to Mrs. H. A. Crosshairs' residence on Main street and Mrs. Mattie Hawkins is occupying the residence vacated by him on Middle street.