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CULTIVATION OF CORN.

An Instructive Article to Corn Raisers by Mr. C. R. Hudson, of Raleigh.

Successful corn culture depends as much upon the "know how" as does success in any other business. Of course, a deep, humus-filled soil is the first consideration, but much depends upon the cultivation given the corn after it is up. The farmer who understands and practices the best principles of corn growing, who knows the root-system, the movements of soil moisture and the uses of soil mulches, will make a good corn crop in spite of adverse seasons of rainfall and drought. The one who does not understand these things attributes his failures to the wet weather, the dry weather, the hot weather, the cold weather, or something else the effects of which he should be able to obviate. In the Farm Demonstration Work last season some big crops of corn were made where no rain fell from the time the corn was planted till it was matured. Yet the yields of corn in this country are more dependent upon rainfall during the growing season than upon any one thing else. This should not be.

But let us see that we understand what proper cultivation does. Every good farmer knows that cultivation is to save the moisture, to destroy germinating weed seeds, to liberate plant food and to warm and aerate the soil. If the first two are accomplished the others are too. The successful farmer never allows his soil to become crusted over because he knows that it is then losing moisture. To prevent this crusting also destroy weed and grass seed that may be coming up in the soil. So we see that all that is necessary is to cultivate often enough to keep the soil loose on top. One of the Experiment Stations has found that during very dry hot weather a single corn stalk will take from the soil and evaporate as much as ten pints of water in one day. It requires about 300 pounds of water to produce one pound of dry matter. So we learn corn is a crop that requires immense amounts of moisture. Yet, throughout this section, we have sufficient rainfall every year to produce two or three corn crops on all our land. The wise farmer is he who has learned how to catch the rainfall and keep it in the soil until it is needed.

As to depth of cultivation, we must remember that corn belongs to the grass family and therefore has a fine, fibrous, extensive root system. By the time corn is a foot high the roots may be lapping between the rows. The roots grow outward through the soil from two to four times as fast as the stalks grow upward. To destroy these roots in cultivation is to cut off the feeding powers of the corn. It very often happens that the soil needs a rather deep stirring while the corn is small and before the roots get out far. If this is the case, it should be given, but care must be taken not to cultivate deeply later. The Indiana Experiment Station has shown that corn cultivated about two inches deep yielded 42.36 bushels; that cultivated three inches deep yielded 42.56 bushels; while that cultivated four inches deep yielded only 37.92 bushels. Another station found that shallow cultivation yielded 81.8 bushels per acre,

All Would Be Benefited.

(Greensboro News.)

The constant aim should be, with respect to the controversy over freight rates, to keep the issue unclouded. Politics and other extraneous considerations have been kept out of it in the past, and we believe this will be true of the future. On the other hand we may be sure that when a basis of readjustment shall have been arrived at every community will have an opportunity to present its claims, and should be content in the belief that substantial justice will be done to all. Greensboro hopes to be put on an equality with all competing cities, but, if it must suffer disadvantage, let the advantage be to Charlotte. Winston-Salem, Raleigh or other North Carolina cities rather than Lynchburg, Richmond or Norfolk, Va.

It may be impossible to secure the relief we are entitled to and maintain the present relative adjustment to every section of the state, but a substantial reduction in proportional rates to and from Virginia cities will greatly benefit every merchant and consumer in North Carolina, even though it may benefit some more than others. There surely can be no North Carolina community so narrow that it prefers its citizens to pay more for their necessities, and have its business development restricted, merely because they fear some sister community may profit more than they. Any adjustment which will be acceptable to Governor Craig and his advisers will benefit every citizen be he merchant, farmer or humble laborer, and will do approximate justice to every community in the State.

Nor is it likely that the people will permit themselves to be drawn into a quarrel over a division of the spoils before the battle.

For Demonstration Work \$66,000.

(Raleigh Times.)

The State Board of Agriculture has appropriated \$18,000 for demonstration work in North Carolina, including the demonstration farms for men, the corn club for boys and the tomato club for girls. The United States has set apart \$33,000 for the year which began June 1st. Fifty-two counties have appropriated a total of \$15,000 for this work. There are 67 men workers in the state, some large counties having two of these. There are 22 of the tomato club workers. The total available for demonstration work for the fiscal year is therefore \$66,000.

Postage stamps are great travelers, and yet the majority of them are found sticking in some corner.

There is a great art in knowing what not to know when you don't want to know it.

but deep cultivation gave only 74.1 bushels.

As to the number of times to cultivate corn, this will depend upon conditions. The thing to keep in mind is to keep a mulch on the surface until the corn has fully tasseled. In many cases it will pay to cultivate until some of the "silks" begin to turn brown. It is a critical time with corn when it is maturing the grain. It should not be neglected then.

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COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

LITTLE RIVER.

We are having plenty of rain. Some of the wheat is getting ripe.

Mr. Kesler Crouch has gone to Virginia with the intention of taking work with the street car company.

The Oak Hill base ball team played a match game with the Alkithia team of Alexander County, on the Oak Hill play ground last Saturday evening with a score of 9 to 10 in favor of Oak Hill with only two men down.

The Oak Hill team is to play Hibriten Saturday evening June 21st at Oak Hill and will also play Alkithia June 27th on the Alkithia grounds.

Some time ago the Dealville Telephone Co. made a dividing line at Mr. J. F. Flowers store. Last Saturday the following gentlemen met at Oak Hill school house and organized a new company to be known as the Little River Telephone Co., with Mr. F. M. Whitener president and Mr. W. L. Deal secretary and treasurer.

There will not be any preaching at Cedar Valley church the fourth Sunday on account of the quarterly meeting to be there on the fifth Sunday. There will be preaching Saturday before the fifth Sunday with dinner on the grounds. All the members are invited to be present.

Next Sunday evening at 2 o'clock there will be singing at Cedar Valley. Everybody cordially invited.

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HUDSON ITEMS.

Miss Lessie Shell of Lenoir visited friends and relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Ralph Bowman made a business trip to Hickory Saturday.

Misses Mamie Cline and Irene Hoke of Granite Falls were the guests of Mrs. M. T. Hickman last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. George Starnes also of Granite visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hickman.

While helping to load crossties Monday Mr. L. C. Shell fell from his levercar and sprained his ankle. Otherwise he was not seriously hurt. We hope he will soon be all right again.

Little Miss Grace Herman who has been spending some time with her uncle in Hickory, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. Jack Crytz and family of Brookford visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

The entertainment which was given at the graded school building Saturday night was a decided success in every way. The exercises were enjoyed very much by every one present.

Rev. G. W. Fink of Hickory was in town today.

Rev. J. A. Yount will fill his regular appointment at St. John's Lutheran church Sunday morning. ELECTORIAL.

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Jack Johnson, the pugilist, will now be handled without gloves.

TWO JUNE WEDDINGS.

Two Couples Plight Their Troth Before the Hymeneal Altar.

SHUFORD-BARBER.

Mr. Thomas W. Shuford and Miss Vera Alston Barber were united in marriage at Edgemont Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Edmund N. Joyner, rector of St. James Episcopal church, Lenoir. The marriage vows were taken before a most cleverly arranged altar in the pavillion, which was decorated with cedar, mountain laurel and ferns, near the Edgemont Inn. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. William W. Barber, and the groom entered with his best man, Mr. Summery. The wedding march was played by Miss Ruth Barber, sister of the bride.

Immediately after the ceremony, a delicious collation was served the bride and groom and the invited guests. Mr. and Mrs. Shuford were the recipients of many valuable and beautiful presents.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Barber, and is a beautiful bright and attractive young lady. Mr. Shuford is a young man of splendid character, and holds a responsible position with the Carolina and North-Western Railway. The happy young couple left on the south-bound train for Columbia and Jacksonville. On their return they will be at home at Edgemont.

ELLIOT-UNKLES.

Mr. Joseph H. Elliot, of Patterson, and Miss Isabella E. Unkles, of New Orleans, La., were united in marriage at St. James Episcopal church, Tuesday at 12:30 o'clock, the rector, Rev. E. N. Joyner officiating. Only a very few friends witnessed the ceremony. The bride and groom met only a few months ago. Early in the spring, Miss Unkles went to the Valley to visit Mrs. G. H. Lenoir. Here she met Mr. Elliot, and the romance that ended so happily on Tuesday began.

The bride is a bright, cultured and attractive young lady and has made many friends during her short stay at Patterson. The groom, Mr. Elliott is a native of Savannah, Ga., but for the last four years he has been secretary of the Patterson School, and the success of the school is attributed to his untiring efforts in its behalf. He possesses splendid business sagacity, and he has many friends to wish him success on his recent embarkation. Mr. and Mrs. Elliot left on the afternoon train for the western part of the State where they will spend their honeymoon.

Frosts in Virginia Hurt Vegetation.

Washington, D. C., June 10.—Weather bureau reports today show that cool weather continues generally over the eastern and southeastern states. Frosts in Virginia Monday night caused some damage to vegetation in various sections. Freezing temperatures are reported today from Vermont and Maine. Rains have been general in the past twenty-four hours in the South Atlantic and Gulf states. In the South Atlantic region the weather will continue unsettled today and Wednesday. Frosts are expected again tonight in Virginia.

The Lobby Hunt Enlarges Scope.

Washington, D. C., June 9.—The Senate lobby investigators plunged into their second week's work today. Less than a dozen Senators remained to be examined before the committee took up another trail and began calling a score or other men mentioned in Senators' testimony as being on one side or the other of a free sugar fight, or of being attorneys or special representatives of interests here.

It was admitted on all sides that the investigation had outgrown its original bounds. It originally was intended to develop evidence concerning influences President Wilson charged were being brought against the tariff bill, but the Senators' testimony has broadened the scope of the inquiry so as to touch many subjects. Under the extension of time granted by the Senate, Chairman Overmans' committee expected today to develop all the new phases.

President Wilson told callers today he expected the lobby investigation to have beneficial results through the publicity given to conditions surrounding the making of tariff bills. When asked his opinion of the charge made by Senator Townsend as to his own influences with reference to legislation the President replied it needed no comment.

Governor Craig Will Convene Legislature.

Asheville, June 9.—In response to a question from a Citizen representative tonight Governor Craig, who arrived here this afternoon for a month's rest, declared that a special session of the legislature will be called to consider the freight question as it affects this state. He said:

"There will be a special session of the legislature. That has been contemplated ever since the last session of the general assembly, and I will certainly take any proper action that may be necessary to secure for North Carolina fair treatment by the railroads. The people are determined that they will no longer suffer the injustice to which they have been subjected for years in the matter of freight rates, and I will do all in my power to aid them in this contest. With fair treatment the cities and towns of North Carolina would grow and prosper, and we are going to have that treatment before long."

Durham Fellows Had Great Old Time in Jail.

(Daily News.)

Some of the prisoners in the city lockup Sunday night had a rousing good time, when they pulled one of the barrels containing beer up to the window of the cell, broke the head out of the barrel and filled themselves with the stuff. The beer was a part of the lot that was seized by the officers in their raid of the joints two weeks ago, and was placed in the jail yard for safe keeping. A part of the stuff had been destroyed, but the other was left in the yard till the trial of the cases. One of the prisoners declares that though he has been in jail a number of times he never enjoyed it so much as he did this last time, when he was able to get all of the beer he wanted.

Condemn another is only a roundabout way of bragging on yourself.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

The town of Graham has voted \$50,000 in bonds for paving her streets and sidewalks.

Snow is reported to have fallen in Mitchell county to the depth of three inches on Wednesday morning.

Several peaks in the Glades mountains of Haywood county were covered with snow early last Sunday morning.

J. W. Pless of McDowell county will oppose Congressman, J. M. Gudger of the tenth congressional district for nomination to Congress next year.

Henry Stirewalt, of Rowan county, who accidentally shot himself last week, while after a cat at his home, died Sunday morning from his wounds.

The new home of L. N. Womble, a prominent merchant of Pittsboro was totally destroyed by fire early Monday morning, and the family barely escaped with their lives.

J. F. Reinhardt, of Lincoln county, for 16 years a member of the General Assembly of North Carolina, died suddenly in a hospital at Charlotte, Monday afternoon, while undergoing an operation.

Out of 72 applicants for license to practice pharmacy in the state of North Carolina, only thirty succeeded in passing the examination of the Pharmaceutical association, recently given in New Bern.

The big barn at the Lexington township stockade, located in Lexington was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday night, and six fine mules were burned to death. The loss is more than \$2,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Washington, D. C., June 9.—The American Cotton Manufacturers' Association today began a three days session here. Tuesday the delegates will be received by President Wilson. Secretary Redfield addresses the opening session today.

In the United States court at Greensboro on Wednesday, an involuntary petition was filed asking for a receiver for the Columbia Furniture Co. of High Point. The liabilities are \$75,000 and the assets are represented as being very much less.

A pullman car attached to train No. 36 on the Southern railway caught on fire Monday evening west of Hickory from a hot box and the fire could not be extinguished till the train reached Hickory, and access was had to the fire department.

William Lassiter, son of Robert W. Lassiter, banker and farmer, of Granville county, was found dead early Sunday morning at his father's country home, death being the result of a pistol shot. It is thought that the shot was fired by accident in a nightmare.

In the United States court Tuesday, Judge James E. Boyd signed orders placing Robert Harris and Bro. big tobacco manufacturers, and J. H. Waller and Company, engaged in the business of milling flour and manufacturing boxes, in the hands of a temporary receiver. Both firms are engaged in business in Reidsville, and the liabilities are believed to be over \$725,000 with assets of only \$225,000.