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Seniors Invited To High School Day At Carolina

Seniors In Schools In County Invited To Attend Annual Celebration

All high school seniors in this county have been extended invitations to attend the annual high school day celebration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Saturday.

The occasion is expected to draw to the University from all sections of the State the largest gathering of high school girls and boys ever assembled in this state at one time.

A total of 17,000 seniors from 34 counties stretching from Murphy to Manteo took part in last year's event, and acceptance this week indicate an even larger turnout, according to General Chairman Roy Armstrong.

This year's program, which will continue informal, will include welcomes from University authorities, visits with boys from "back home," campus tours, a picnic lunch, and band concert, topped by the main grid show.

"We want our boys and girls to have time to wander around the campus and take a look at the buildings and to visit with the boys from home," Dean R. B. House wrote in his invitation to the seniors.

This will be Carolina's third annual High School Day, but it marks the first time the Tar Heels have taken on an In-State opponent, and Appalachian will be the joint host to the school folks Saturday.

The game itself promises to be a feature. Carolina has prospects for another colorful, wide-open team. Appalachian is North State Conference champ and has lost only four games in four years. And both have veteran teams headed by a "big and little All-American," Paul Severin and Ted Reltzie.

Bomber's-Eye View of City of London



Here is an aerial view of a section of London's waterfront as it appears to the bombardier of a raiding plane. In the foreground are some of the piers and warehouses that stretch for miles along the Thames; across the river, magnificent public buildings and residential estates. London, heart of England, and nerve center of the British empire, has been in a continual state of alarm recently, as Hitler's air armadas swoop in from across the channel. The Thames is a silver signpost that leads air raiders right to the front door.

Ferguson News

FERGUSON, Sept. 16.—The Ferguson school opened this morning under the supervision of Prof. Redman, of Boone, as principal, and the following teachers: Misses Addie Casey, Helen Stansbury, Beatrice Sebastian, Bessie Brock, Mary Walker, Mrs. Bernice Greer and Mr. Lee Settle. The attendance for the opening day was fair considering the unfavorable condition of part of our roads and bridges. The Ferguson River bridge was completed last Friday and the people throughout this section are grateful to the highway forces for their untiring efforts to put us back on the map in the way of highways and bridges. The Elk Creek section is yet in bad condition from flood damages and it is hoped that some relief may be forthcoming soon and the Elk Creek bridge on highway 268 will be started today it is reported.

There were many visitors here Sunday attending the McGee reunion, among them being the McGees and their relatives from Lenoir, Mt. Pleasant, Goshen, Boone, North Wilkesboro, Grandin. Attorney Kyle Hayes delivered the annual address. Rev. A. J. Foster, president of the clan, presided, and was re-elected for the coming year.

Conway Foster happened to a very distressing accident some days ago when he shot his right hand. The wound is healing nicely, however, and he will soon be back at his usual work, merchandising.

The new residence of Mr. George Hartley is nearing completion at the site of the Tom Morrow old place.

Arthur Ferguson, colored, has lost the site of his right eye due to an affected blood vessel. This is very unfortunate for Arthur who also was a heavy loser in the recent flood. He is considered an expert in raising good fields of corn and had a splendid prospect this year.

Mr. R. C. Bishop, whose home was almost entirely flooded during the recent deluge, has been visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Arnold Rash, at Paterson, until recently. He has returned to his home here. The home of Mr. A. M. McEwen was also badly flooded and damaged, but has been renovated and Mr. McEwen is still occupying it.

The Grange will meet next Saturday night 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Miller. All members are urged to be present.

Prof. and Mrs. G. E. Teeter, former principal and teacher in the local school, were visitors in the community Sunday. Prof. Teeter is now employed by the employment service and resides at Statesville.

Questions Answered By State College

Question: What methods of soil preparation are considered most desirable for small grains?

Answer: The most successful rowers of small grains turn red clover or lespedeza under in August, and disk the soil one to two weeks before seeding time, which is October 10 to 20. Another successful method that is used where lespedeza, cowpeas, or soybeans are harvested for hay is that of disking the soil to make a seed bed. This should be done two to three weeks before seeding time.

In three and one-half years, 127,327 jobs for unskilled workers were found by public local employment offices in North Carolina.

Good Pasture Is Very Valuable

By J. B. SNIPES (County Agent)

The best dates for sowing pastures are Sept. 1st to October 15th, and from February 15th to April 1st. The ideal seed bed for pastures is one that is thoroughly pulverized to a depth of three inches and undisturbed below that depth. Consequently, plowing should be avoided unless done at least six to eight weeks before sowing the seed. Lands that have been in row crops can be prepared by disking and harrowing, but land that has been lying idle may have to be plowed shallow before disking. Good results have also been gotten by using contour furrows.

Recent experiments in North Carolina have proven that it pays to lime and fertilize your land for pasture. As a rule, the fertilizer used should be the same as that used for corn. An application of 200 to 400 pounds per acre of a 4-12-4 or a 2-10-4 or a 2-10-6 fertilizer would be suitable for Wilkes county soils. In addition to an application of ground limestone, at the rate of 2000 pounds per acre. Manure may be used instead of commercial fertilizer. The lime and fertilizer should be used so that it will be left in the top-soil.

It will pay to use liberal amounts of seed. Where the seeding is scant, the time lost in securing a sod more than offsets the difference in cost.

There are a number of mixtures that may be used in seeding pastures in this section. The following mixture has been recommended for the Piedmont section and has given good results:

- Kentucky Blue Grass, 4 pounds;
- Redtop, 5 pounds;
- Orchard Grass, 8 pounds;
- White Clover, 5 pounds;
- Dallis Grass, 4 pounds;
- Lespedeza, 10 pounds.

The Dallis grass and lespedeza recommended in this mixture should not be added to the sod this fall. They should always be sown in the spring. They may be sown on top of the other grasses and clovers seeded the previous fall.

To renovate an old pasture, cut down the weeds and bushes, and scratch the soil to a depth of 1 or 2 inches. This may be done with a heavy spike-tooth harrow or with a disc set almost straight, so as not to destroy the old sod. Then apply fertilizer and sow seed as recommended.

Pasture seeds are usually sown by hand, and covered very lightly with a weeder or a brush. A better method, however, is to put them in with a grain drill, running about half an inch deep. It is also a good practice to roll the soil after the seeds are sown.

CALVES

With abundant supplies of feed on hand, A. V. Cobb of Windsor, Route 1, plans to feed 10 to 12 beef calves for market this winter, reports Assistant Farm Agent R. D. Smith of Bertie county.

NEW

A type of tobacco that looks, smells, and tastes like burley but is almost completely free from nicotine has been developed by the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station.

LARGEST

Beaufort county farmers have received 50,000 pounds of Austrian winter peas, probably the largest single shipment of winter legume seed ever distributed in the county.

Building And Loan Business Increases

A \$600,000 increase in home loans by the building, savings and loan associations of North Carolina during August over the same month last year was reported by R. H. Gregory, Jr., Rocky Mount, President of the North Carolina Building and Loan League. He pointed out that of the 1438 loans made to the amount of \$2,625,000 more than one-third or 530, amounting to \$1,218,960, were for the construction of new homes, the benefits of which will be felt in all lines of business endeavor.

In addition, he said 296 homes were purchased aggregating \$574,304, and 134 individuals financed their homes through the building and loan associations to the amount of \$309,810. The remaining 478 loans, totaling \$521,928, were made for repairs, modernization, and miscellaneous purposes. He stated that these loans were made possible through the savings investments of people in all walks of life located in the same communities in which the loans were made.

Almost unbelievable yields of the new Sequoia Irish potato, developed at State College, are being made in Henderson county this year, reports Assistant Farm Agent D. W. Bennett.

INCREASE

J. B. Whitson, a farmer of the Fork Mountain township in Mitchell county, says that due to lime and phosphate, there is four times more grass and clover in this township than five years ago.

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Leave Off Cover Crops; Lose Soil

Cost More To Fail To Plant Cover Crops Than To Plant, Authorities Say

It costs just as much to do without cover crops as it does to plant them, according to County Agent J. B. Snipes and P. W. Edwards, work unit conservator of the Wilkes Work Unit of the Soil Conservation Service at Wilkesboro.

Elaborating on that statement, the specialists said that an acre of bare sloping land will lose more than enough soil and plant food during winter and early spring to pay for the small amount of seed needed to plant a winter cover crop.

Small grains are used extensively as winter cover crops to

prevent erosion and the loss of plant food. These crops may be plowed under as a protective measure or harvested for grain.

Winter legumes, such as Vetch, Crimson Clover, and Austrian Winter Peas are preferable to the non-legumes such as small grains as winter cover. In addition to furnishing cover during the winter they store up Nitrogen in the soil and increase the yield of the crop that follows.

"Winter cover crops fit well in a rotation, provide for alternate deep and shallow rooted crops," Snipes says. "They also increase the organic matter content of the soil, tend to keep the ground temperature fairly even, and increase the capacity of the soil to absorb water."

Roberson county leads in land planted to crops with 200,966 acres in cultivation, the Department of Agriculture reports in the 1940 farm census.

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