

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FARM LIFE
CLUBS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Instituted By A. & M. College

Farming in the State is Both a Business and a Mode of Life—North Carolina Stands Forty-Seventh in Average Corn Yield—Will Accomplish Good.

Is Preliminary Announcement

Farming in North Carolina is both a business and a mode of life. As you know, eighty-two out of every one hundred families in our State depend directly on the soil for their living and their comforts. Therefore, if these families ever increase in wealth, in comfort, in ability to educate their own children and the children of others, in ability to help their church and their State, they must get this increase by better and more economic farming. Any movement that to increase our farm yields is a direct movement to enlarge the comforts of our homes, and to make greater our capacity to contribute to good government, State improvements, education and religion.

Unfortunately for all these interests, the average yield of crops in our State is far too low. Compared with the other States and territories, North Carolina stands forty-seventh in its average corn yield. Only three States, namely, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida, make on the average less corn per acre than we do. New Hampshire, with a soil very similar to ours, makes three and one-half times more than North Carolina. Our average yield of corn for the past thirty years has been only 13.7 bushels per acre.

It has been again and again demonstrated that the corn crop can easily be doubled by the application of a few simple, practical, scientific principles. Our North Carolina crop of corn was last year valued at \$39,000,000. Suppose we could double this value in two years. This increase in value would raise thousands of families from poverty to comfort. If by better methods of planting, of cultivation, and of selecting seed one thousand bushels to the acre instead of thirteen bushels, there is no way of measuring the economic good that would result. For these boys would then extend these better methods to all their crops and hundreds of slovenly men would follow their example.

The principles that would lead to such an increase can readily be taught every day in some schools. Our State law directs that the elementary principles of good farming shall be taught in our schools. This law is already enforced in our grammar schools and in many of them excellent results are obtained. With the establishment of our rural high schools, the way seems clear to give farm life training a place in the curriculum worthy of its importance. This office is planning to do this faithfully.

As one of the preliminary steps in this new teaching, clubs of boys and girls will be organized for study, experimenting, and for work outside of class hours. The interest of these pupils will be quickened and their knowledge made more accurate and practical by this objective work. For these clubs to succeed and to fill a vital mission in the life of the young people and of the school, they must have the hearty aid of every county superintendent and of every teacher. The following is a preliminary outline to aid in organizing working clubs of boys and girls. Fuller information will be furnished in later bulletins.

Plan of State Organization.
The name of these clubs will be:
North Carolina Boys' Farm Life Association.
North Carolina Girls' Home Life Association.

Object.
The objects of this Association are: to quicken an interest in school life by linking the school more closely with the industries of the farm home; to direct into active, intelligent service the native power in young people and to develop this power; to teach them that taking thought will increase many times the return from their fields and add immensely to the pleasure of their country life; to awaken by a first-hand study a wise interest in the simple and beautiful laws of Nature that govern all good farming and all domestic industries.

Officers.
The General Manager of the State Department of Education and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, as General Manager of the Association. Professor Schaub is employed to give his entire time to this line of educational work.

2. A President, Vice President and Secretary will be elected by the active members at each regular annual meeting.

3. The Advisory Council will consist of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Commissioner of Agriculture, the President of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Director of the Experiment Station.

Members.

1. Any public school pupil between twelve and twenty years of age may become a member.

2. Any boy or girl who is a member of a County Farm Life or Home Life Club, or a School Farm Life or Home Life Club, may also become a member of the State Association.

3. Any teacher or other person interested in the welfare of the Association may become an honorary member.

Meetings.

The State Association will meet annually at the Agricultural and Mechanical College in Raleigh. This meeting will be devoted to business, instruction, entertainment, and to an exhibit of the work done by members of the Association. Prizes will be offered for the best exhibits of specified work.

County Associations.

County Associations will be organized as follows:

Name.

County Boys' Farm Life Association.
County Girls' Home Life Association.

Object.

The object of the County Association will be: to unify the work of the individual school clubs; to offer prizes for successful contestants; and to provide ways for judging these contests; to select exhibits for the State exhibit; and to cooperate with that body; to bring into closer relation the workers in the county.

Members.

Any school club or any member of such a club, or any pupil in the public schools, may become a member of the County Association.

Officers.

1. The County Superintendent or some capable person appointed by him will be the Manager of the County Association. The County Superintendent is asked to associate with himself two or more interested citizens of the county and these with the Superintendent will constitute an Advisory Committee.

2. A President, Vice President, and a Secretary for the County Association will be elected at each annual meeting.

Meetings.

The County Association will have one regular meeting a year to transact business, and at this meeting exhibits will be displayed, judged, prizes awarded, and exhibits for the State meeting selected.

School Organization.

School clubs will be formed as follows:

Name.

School Boys' Farm Life Club.
School Girls' Home Life Club.

Object.

These school clubs will take up directly the work to be done. They will follow the directions for planting, cultivating, and harvesting such crops as may be undertaken, and the girls will follow directions for work in domestic science. These employments will be supervised by the teachers who in turn will be aided by the General Manager, the County Manager, and by others appointed for this purpose.

Members.

1. Any pupil enrolled during the year and during previous years may become a member of the club.

2. Any resident of the school district, who is interested in the objects of the club may be elected to honorary membership.

Officers.

The teacher or principal of the school, who has been appointed by the State Department of Education, will be the General Manager of the County Association.

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TEXAN KILLS
HIS FAMILY
AND HIMSELF

Slays Wife, Children

Probably Fatally Wounds a Niece and Then Cuts His Own Throat—Was Successful and Intelligent Farmer.

POOR HEALTH THE CAUSE.

Ballinger, Tex., Jan. 10.—F. B. Kimbler, a prominent farmer living in the northern portion of this county, killed his wife, his 6-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter, seriously wounded his niece, aged 20, and ended his own life by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a pocket knife, at daylight this morning. Kimbler had been in bad health for a couple of months, but got up at the usual time this morning and was assisting his wife in making the fires. He stepped out and secured a hatchet, ostensibly to cut kindling. Returning to the room where his wife was starting the fire, with the hatchet in his hand, he said:

"Wife, we have all got to go," and split her head open with one blow of the hatchet. Going over to the bed, where the children were asleep, he battered their brains out with the hatchet and going to his niece's room he struck her several blows on the head and arms. By this time a young man, a nephew of Kimbler, was aroused and he and the badly wounded young woman made their escape. Returning to the room where his wife lay unconscious on the floor, Kimbler used a pocket knife to end his own life. Mrs. Kimbler and the baby lived for five or six hours, but the 6-year-old boy was instantly killed. The young woman is in a serious condition and her recovery is doubtful.

Kimbler has been living in this county for a number of years, was a successful farmer, a county officer in the Farmers' Union and was intelligent and popular with his neighbors.

Kills Wife and Suicides.

Leighton, Pa., Jan. 10.—Meeting his wife and 4-year-old son as they were on their way to Sunday school today, William Gauner, aged 35 years, of this place, shot his wife in the face and then committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. Mrs. Gauner, it is said, cannot recover. Jealousy is thought to have caused the crime.

TO ORGANIZE BAND.

Prof. Will E. Smith left yesterday afternoon for Belhaven, where he expected to organize a band, composed of citizens of that town. Prof. Smith has recently organized similar organizations at Aurora and Small and now has overtures at Edward. Beaufort county is rapidly forging to the front in the musical line.

"THE GREAT CATASTROPHE"

To Be Presented at Edward, on January 14th.

Local talent will present "The Great Catastrophe" at the schoolhouse in Edward, N. C., Friday night, January 14, for the benefit of the Episcopal church. "The Great Catastrophe" is a play consisting of many good points, and proves that murder will out, though sometimes late. The price of admission will be 15 and 25 cents. It will be presented for a most worthy cause and should be generously patronized.

RECORD IMMIGRANT YEAR.

More Foreigners Settled Here in 1909 Than Ever Before.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 10.—W. C. Moore, landing agent at Ellis Island, says that more immigrants arrived during 1909 than in any other year. Only 771,380 third-class passengers entered the port last year, as against 1,049,169 in 1907, but in 1907, Mr. Moore says, many naturalized American citizens and aliens who had been here before returned to their native countries in the steerage.

In 1909 the Italians led in numbers. They numbered 130,017 first-class passengers and 367,253 second-class passengers. An unusual feature was the arrival of 1,698 immigrants from Brazil.

MAJ. HEMPHILL TO RICHMOND.

Accepts Editorship of the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 10.—An announcement was made tonight that Major J. G. Hemphill, for the last twenty years editor of the Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier, has accepted the editorship of the Times-Dispatch, his new duties here to begin about February 15.

FORMER PASTOR
DIES SUDDENLY

Rev. Samuel Smith of the Presbyterian Church Dead.

The announcement of the death of Rev. Samuel Smith, D. D., at one time pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, this city, will carry with it universal regret. Dr. Smith when a resident of Washington, was loved and admired by all our people, irrespective of denomination. As a pulpiteer the News doubts if he had a superior in the Southern Presbyterian Church. The following account of his death appeared in the News and Observer today:

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 10.—Great sorrow is felt here at the intelligence of the sudden death at his home in Columbia today of apoplexy of Rev. Samuel C. Smith, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia.

He was reared here, being the eldest son of the late Rev. J. Henry Smith, who was pastor of the First Presbyterian church here for forty years. He entered the ministry in early life, having served but two pastorates, the first at Washington, N. C., going thence to Columbia, S. C. Besides being a student and thinker, he was a preacher of great power, and his genial personality endeared him to all regardless of denominational affiliation. He was fifty-three years of age and is survived by his wife and a son, who is a member of the faculty of the University of Cincinnati.

Arrangements for the funeral, which will be held from the First Presbyterian Church here on Wednesday, where his father and brother, Rev. Egbert W. Smith, of the First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, served as pastors, aggregating fifty years, have not been yet completed, owing to the scattered family, two other brothers, Dr. Harry Louis Smith, of Davidson College, and Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, recently of the University of North Carolina, now of the faculty of the University of Virginia, now being en route to Columbia.

CAMPBELL'S CHECK NOTES.

Capt. Carl Overton and brother, Mr. Sam Overton, and Mr. Midyett, of Hyde county, spent one night last week with Mr. J. O. Overton.

Miss Irene Tutill spent last week with her sister, Mrs. C. C. Mayo.

Mr. Gus Sadler, of Jones Bay, was in our midst last week shawing hands with old friends.

Mr. A. C. Austin expects to preach at White Hill third Saturday night and Sunday, and at Edward fourth Saturday night and Sunday in this month.

Miss Henrietta Lewis and Miss Mattie Warren, of Bonneton, are visiting relatives at this place.

Miss Alice Jones, of Vandemere, who has been visiting here for several days, expects to return home Wednesday.

Miss Josie Nixon who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Tom Jones, and other relatives here, expects to return home Thursday.

BILL JUSTICE.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Owing to the necessity for making connections with all mails leaving the city, we will be unable to make changes in any advertisements unless copy is in this office by 9 o'clock. Please bear this in mind.

STREET PARADE.

Barlow and Wilson's minstrels gave a street parade this afternoon which was most creditable.

TRAINS CRASH AT WELDON.

Passenger Plunges Into Freight on Side Track.

Weldon, N. C., Jan. 10.—Passenger train No. 38 on the Seaboard Air Line ran into an open switch here this afternoon at 3 o'clock and crashed into a freight train on the siding. No one was injured. The switch had been left open by some person and the passenger train was running on schedule time. It plowed its way clear through the shanty and then went into a box car loaded with cotton. The wreckage was set on fire and three box cars were burned.

RETIRES FROM BUSINESS.

Mr. Harley G. Sparrow who has been conducting a top and news business, has retired. The stock will be sold.

MAJOR PATTERSON DEAD.

Was For Many Years Rector of the State University.

Chapel Hill, Jan. 10.—Willie Thomas Patterson, rector of the University of North Carolina, died here this morning at 10 o'clock. His death resulted from a complication of ailments caused by the infirmities of old age. He was 61 years old.

The Barlow and Wilson minstrel show arrived this afternoon in their train, and will be at the Atlantic Coast Line.

THE QUARREL
MAY BRING ON
SHARP CONFLICT

Situation is Critical

The Pinchot-Ballinger Feud May Bring Forth a Conflict—Battle Royal is Expected in the House Over Matter.

CONTROVERSY TOPIC

Washington, Jan. 10.—The dismissal of Gifford Pinchot as chief forester of the United States, will likely lead in news interest during the coming week. The next step in the controversy between Secretary Ballinger and the deposed forester will be the appointment of a congressional committee to investigate the quarrel. The House has refused the privilege of this appointment to Speaker Cannon, but a resolution which would enable him to name the House members of the committee will be before the Senate this week, and the immediate battleground will be in that branch of the national legislature. Developments in the fight of the House "insurgents" concerning the recommendations of President Taft's message on conservation of national resources will thus assume added importance in the light of their connection with the Ballinger-Pinchot struggle.

Week Will Decide.

The present week probably will decide whether there will be a prolonged conflict involving the President of the United States within the ranks of the Republican party in Congress. Conditions have been tending in that direction for some time, but instead of adding to the impulse the dismissal of Mr. Pinchot apparently has had the effect of causing a halt. It has prompted Senators and members of the House to consider the possibilities of a continuation of the controversy and present indications are of a more specific tendency than were those of a week ago.

There is no denying the fact, however, that in some respects the situation remains critical. Mr. Pinchot has a large number of personal friends and admirers in both houses of Congress, who would be inclined to take up his case if favorable opportunity should present itself. On the other hand many are saying that the personal fortitudes of Messrs. Ballinger and Pinchot are of little importance compared to the great question of the preservation of party harmony, and those who take this view are urging the necessity of preventing any sharp conflict in Congress.

The Present Status.

The question will receive its next attention on the floor of the Senate. The present situation is this: The House has adopted the resolution providing for the appointment of its members of the committee by the Speaker, as was originally provided. Without awaiting the official notification as to the action of the House the Senate committee on public lands has decided to report the resolution in such a form as to authorize the selection of the House members by the Speaker. Unquestionably this action was taken with the intention of complimenting the Speaker, and it will be reported to the Senate.

No matter how the general situation may shape itself, the controversy between the Secretary of the Interior and his antagonist is expected to be the principal topic in congressional circles during the week. Officially the question will not again come up in the House until after the Senate shall have acted.

NOTICE TO PARENTS.

Kindergarten Will Open Thursday Morning.

Miss Wright has returned to the city from Richmond where she has been in the hospital. The kindergarten class will be reopened Thursday. Parents who have children in this department should take notice of this and send their children to school Thursday morning.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Milholland request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

Lou Nona

to

Mr. Walter Reade Johnson on Wednesday afternoon, the twenty-sixth of January, nineteen hundred and ten at three o'clock.

First Presbyterian Church.

Washington, N. C.

No cards issued in this city.

Mrs. L. H. Day, of South Creek, passed through the city today en route to Norfolk.

VASSAR GIRLS
JANUARY 17

Will Be at the Lyceum Course.

The next attraction in the Lyceum course will be the Vassar Girls, appearing here in the school auditorium January 17. For five years this company of educated, refined and cultured young women have honored its name, the Eight Vassar Girls, in a high class musical event in the best advanced vaudeville in the leading cities of the United States and has demonstrated as have many of the great artists of the world, that a good, clean musical event of superior quality, free from any suspicion of coarseness or cheapness, wins appreciation and applause on its merits everywhere. So great has been their success that practically all of their time for five years has been consumed in return date work in twenty or thirty cities. Their concert will be the big event of the season.

The company includes:
A sextette of saxophones.
A sextette of brass instruments, cornets and trombones.
A sextette of wood wind instruments: flute, clarinet, oboe and bassoon.

A quartette of clarinets corresponding to tenor, soprano, alto and bass of the human voice.

A quartette of wind instruments: flute, clarinet, oboe and bassoon, such as is used by symphony orchestras.

Trios and duets in various combinations of instruments.

Instrumental solos on flute, clarinet, trombones, saxophone, oboe, bassoon.

Vocal soloist, Miss Olive Greatrex.

ACCEPTS POSITION.

Miss Pearl Campbell has accepted a position with the firm of E. R. Nixon & Co. as stenographer, succeeding Miss Lou Milholland. She will assume her duties next Monday.

FOR NORTHERN CITIES.

Mr. H. B. Goldstein, the tailor, expects to leave tomorrow morning for New York and other Northern cities to purchase his spring and summer stock.

WILL ENTERTAIN.

Mrs. A. M. Dumay will entertain the West End Bridge Club at her home this evening from 8 to 12. A most pleasant evening is anticipated by the members.

IN HANDS OF RECEIVER.

The grocery business of Mr. Andrews on Main street, went into the hands of a receiver yesterday. What disposition will be made of the stock is not known.

ASKING FUNDS
FOR INSTITUTE

The Principal Endorsed by Hon. Jno. H. Small.

Prof. W. C. Chance, principal of the Higgs Industrial Institute, located at Parmele, this State, is in the city soliciting funds for that school. He bears a strong endorsement from Congressman John H. Small, who says he has faith in the capacity, integrity, and high ideals of Professor Chance, and heartily commends the work he is doing in establishing a school for the industrial training of the boys and girls of his race.

This school is fashioned after the Colored A. & M. at Greensboro, and is intended to be to the people of the eastern part of the State what the Greensboro institution is to the people of the middle and western sections.

Congressman Small says that Principal Chance is entitled to the confidence and support of any people in this cause and that he has the right ideas about the work, coupled with common sense and ability, and possesses such excellent qualifications that he heartily commends him to the people of the State.

Professor Chance will be here a day or two in the interest of this school.

Mr. J. G. Godard, cashier of the Bank of Martin County, Williamston, is treasurer of the Institute.—Raleigh Times.

WRECK ON SOUTHERN

Washington, Ga., Jan. 10.—A broken rail was responsible for the derailment of a train on the Southern Railway early this morning about a mile south of Cross Keys, Ga., a half-dozen passengers being slightly injured. The baggage car, two coaches and two sleeping cars left the track.

Editor James L. Mayo went to South Creek this afternoon on business.

Rev. A. McCullen, presiding elder of the Washington district, returned home last night.

SAVED BY
BUGLE CALL
OF COMRADES

Students in Fire

The 300 Pupils in the New York Military Academy Saved From Death in Fire Early Yesterday by Warning Call.

MANY WERE OVERCOME

West Point, N. Y., Jan. 10.—The 300 pupils in the New York Military Academy at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson were saved from death in fire early today by a bugle call. Two heroic students sounded reveille as the five-story dormitory building of the school burned. The loss was \$200,000.

Many of the lads who slept on the fifth floor of the building were overcome as they fought their way through the furnace-like halls, but all were saved. The instructors marshaled the boys and many of them walked from the burning structure pajama-clad, but in military formation. Without the warning blast of the bugle it would have been impossible to awaken scores in time.

The fire started in the servants quarters and before it was discovered smoke had penetrated to nearly every part of the building, making many of the youths stupid and half overcome others before they were awakened.

Once gaining headway, the fire spread rapidly. Then it was that the college buglers, Cadets Newton and Travis, took their bugles and ran up and down the halls, blowing away at the rising call.

Within a few moments the exodus had begun, the score or more of instructors, who slept on the third and fourth floors, leading their charges through flame and smoke to the campus and parade ground.

Many of those on the fifth floor, however, were missing. When this was discovered a dozen youths darted back into the now fiercely blazing building and made their way at the risk of their lives to the top floor. There they roused those half-overcome comrades, and led or carried them to safety.

A cadet sergeant on sentry duty discovered the fire, which is supposed to have been started by an overheated stove or fat boiling over on the kitchen range.

The sergeant notified the buglers after vainly trying to control the flames, and then Colonel S. E. Jones, superintendent; Major Davis, commandant, and Captain Frazier, all of the United States army, took command of the situation.

FIRST SHAD.

The firm of Swindell & Fulford, fish dealers, received the first white shad of the season last Saturday.

LEOPARD ATTACKS TRAINER.

Assistant Pulls Beast From Prostrate Form By His Tail.

New York, Jan. 10.—The sharp teeth and claws of Clayton, a trained leopard, nearly cost the life of Mrs. Papline Russell, his trainer, today, but the length and strength of his tail saved her.

Clayton was ugly and would not perform. Mrs. Russell prodded him with an iron bar and called to her assistant for aid. In the instant of turning her head to call, the leopard leaped. He bore his mistress to the ground and stood over her growling and lashing his tail. It was then the quick-witted assistant, reaching into the cage, grabbed Clayton's tail, took a double hitch around the bars of the cage with it, and rescued Mrs. Russell in safety.

The woman was badly torn and at the hospital it was said that her recovery is problematical. The attack occurred in private training quarters.

New Advertisements**in Today's News**

♦ J. K. Hoyt—January White Sale.
♦ Brooks' Shoe Store—Polishing Sets.
♦ McKeel—Richardson Hardware Co.—Harness.
♦ Phippen & Woolard—Brokers.
♦ Southern Furniture Co.—Undertaking.
♦ Gem Theater.
♦ Gaiety Theater.
♦ Capudine.
♦ Vick's Remedies.
♦ Lavative Bromo Quinine.
♦ Cardul.
♦ Frank Miller—Pure White Wine.
♦ Donna's Kidney Pills.