

Agriculture Leader Visits Brevard

Dr. P. H. Rolfs who founded the state college of Minas Geraes fourteen years ago, Brazil's only agricultural college, and who has been away from this work only a year, is in Chicago to attend a meeting of international agricultural leaders after spending a week in Brevard "enjoying its delightful climate and even more delightful people."

Dr. Rolfs has not followed the lines of least resistance. "We make farmers farm in Brazil," he declared, "and they like it."

Dr. Rolfs was at Clemson College, South Carolina, for two years, 1899 and 1900. In 1891 he went to the Florida State College as professor of natural sciences, botany and entomology. From 1901 until 1903 he was connected with the federal experiment station at Miami and then later with the experiment station of the Agriculture college of Florida located in Gainesville.

This Brazilian college of agriculture founded by Dr. Rolfs and operated by him or under his supervision until a year ago attracted the attention of all Brazil. Ambassadors have made the long journey from Rio de Janeiro to Vicosia, representing Germany, England, Japan and North America to investigate the work Rolfs started there.

"How many foreign ministers," Rolfs asks, "have visited North American agriculture schools?"

Dr. Rolfs in tracing the development of his school, which now is valued at more than a million dollars, comprising over 2,000 acres of farming land and 65,000 acres of virgin timber land, pointed out the difficulties confronted in seeking location of his school. The timber land has recently been purchased to be used for the forestry program which the school is launching at this time.

"When I first arrived in Minas Geraes, with the delight and surprise of my appointment still ringing in my ears, I faced a chaotic situation. Conditions which forty years ago faced Florida and North Carolina educators were mine to cope with. I settled at Vicosia because that gave me a surrounding area about the size of Texas and 8,000,000 people to work with and a perceptible opportunity to make an impression, whereas that would have been impossible with the whole of Brazil."

"I found immediately that stimulus applied to Brazilian students gained the same response and even to a greater sense in some instances as to Florida and North Carolina students. Although there is a great difference in the personalities of American young men and those of Brazil it is an unexplainable, intangible one. And there is a greater difference in the temperature from Florida to South Carolina than there is from Florida to Brazil."

"From 1800 to 1840 there was a great gold rush in Brazil, similar to the California rush of '49. The center of this activity was to form the axis for a new interior empire, called Minas Geraes. When I arrived at this empire I found an illiteracy problem and rate similar to that of North Carolina and Florida forty years ago. Today, although rising rapidly Brazil is comparatively that far behind. Road building strictly. Education was prohibited even in the Catholic church for the priests and road building was not allowed except by permission of the emperor. Emperor Charles knew he could handle his people better if they were uneducated and without means of getting together rapidly for an uprising."

"However, in 1822 Brazil said, 'we can get along without Charles, and quietly succeeded without fighting or bloodshed. The emperor was exiled and his son ascended to the throne to be succeeded later by his son. Still later, without bloodshed Brazil found itself a republic and the road to rapid development began.'

Dr. Rolfs told of an associate of his, a Texan, who rode the railroad as far as it went into the interior and then went horseback for two weeks straight into the fastness of the unexplored region investigating for grazing territory. He found thick grass on every hand as far as he could see in all directions. Grass that grew higher than the horse. The cattle raising project is only beginning in Brazil, Rolfs believes.

"Cattle buyers," he said, "make a two year trip into the grass country where cattle are grazing, buying as they penetrate further and further into the wilderness. Bandits are few and a hold-up is a rarity. The buyers buy to the limits of the region, buying younger cattle as they advance. At the beginning of the trip they buy two year olds and as they go the age limit lowers. Finally in the interior they buy calves, estimating that it takes two years for them to drift into the railroad for shipping."

Although it has been more than a

Local and Personal Items

Misses Mamie Hayes and Myrtle Whitmire and Paul and Glenn Whitmire left Monday on the de luxe tour for the World's Fair.

Little Helen Fullbright is visiting relatives and friends in Carnerville and Clarksville, Ga.

Misses Opal and Lucy Fullbright were on a week-end motor trip through Georgia and South Carolina.

Mrs. Leroy Whitener, of Hickory, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. West, last week.

Miss Cornelia Ratchford is spending her vacation this week with friends in Hickory.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Henry and family of Georgetown, Del., returned home last week after visiting Mr. Henry's father, Pat Henry and other relatives here and in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Robinson, of Norfolk, Va., have returned home after visiting Mrs. Robinson's father, Pat Henry, here and other relatives in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Pearson and children of Greenville were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Henry.

Donald Wheeler visited Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Wood and family last week, before leaving for Iowa City, where he will attend the University of Iowa.

Miss Gladys Wood spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. James, H. Case, in Asheville.

Mrs. T. S. Wood is spending this week in Charlotte visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rush Whitmire.

Master Thomas Wood Paxton spent Friday with his grandmother, Mrs. Madge Wilkins.

Ruel Hunt, who is attending summer school at Chapel Hill, spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Waters and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards were week-end guests of Mrs. Edwards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Waters, leaving the first of the week for Augusta, Ga., for a few weeks' stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar A. Vaughn, of Gastonia, were week-end guests of Mrs. Vaughn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Henry.

Recent arrivals at Willow Springs with Dr. and Mrs. E. S. English include: Miss Lessie Jones, of Crescent City, Fla.; David G. Kostmayer, of New Orleans; Albert F. Lauchez Jr., of Louisiana; Mrs. Joe W. Davis and Miss Hazel Jordan, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Warner, of New Orleans; and Mr. and Mrs. Melville Prongay, Winston-Salem.

Mrs. L. K. Ratchford, Pauline Ratchford and Opal Fullbright were Asheville visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Chester Gallamore, of Durham, is visiting her brother, W. S. Price Jr., and family.

Miss Dorothy King, of New York City, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jim King, and sister, Mrs. Alvin Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Nalls have returned to their home in Demorest, Ga., after spending some time at their summer home at Conestee Cove. They were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Ed Davis, and little daughter, Ethelra, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Nalls here.

Year since he was in Vicosia, Rolfs has been in constant communication with his leaders there. The school has been in operation for six years without his direct official attention. He resigned in 1928 as president of the college and was appointed as state agricultural adviser of Minas Geraes with headquarters at Vicosia near the school where his advice was in constant demand.

"Brazil has a brilliant future," Rolfs said, "she is awakening from a long sleep and will be a leader in the field of agriculture in a few more years. Her people are keen witted and they look to America to lead her."

Tired after his long life of service in his particular field of service, Rolfs plans to visit in his home state of Florida for several weeks and then travel in the western United States. He does not intend to return to Minas Geraes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Brown and daughters, Misses Charlotte and Louise, are on a trip to the World's Fair in Chicago, where they expect to remain for about 10 days.

E. M. Vick left Monday for Chattanooga and Pensacola, Fla., after visiting his family at their summer home in the King cottage on Probert street.

Vernon Kizer who is connected with the McDowell News, Marion, and George Kizer, of Lincolnton, were guests this week of their brother, A. H. Kizer, and family.

Miss Emily Samain who is spending the summer at the home of Mrs. Ralph Zachary, left Monday for a few weeks' stay in Rochester, N. Y.

Mrs. Paul Houston and Miss Mary Houston of Greenville were guests last week of Mrs. Ralph Zachary.

S. Boozer, of Newberry, S. C., a shipmate of Jack Miller, will visit Jack here this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Joines left Sunday for Chicago, where they will visit the Ford plant and the World's Fair in a 10 days' trip. They were accompanied by Miss Christine Joines, of Hendersonville, sister of Mr. Joines. Mrs. Joines is in charge of the Ford place here during the absence of her son.

Miss Margaret Smith, who has been the guest of Mrs. Ruth Earl Stitt, returned Sunday to her home in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. John King and children of Atlanta, were Brevard visitors last week.

Weit Duckworth, who is connected with the navy, is home on a 10-day furlough, visiting his mother, Mrs. Lottie Duckworth.

Miss Eloise Lewis, who underwent a major operation at Johns Hopkins hospital, has returned to her home here. She is said to be slightly improved but not yet able to see company.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Brown Carr, of Morganton, were week-end guests of friends and relatives in Brevard.

Mrs. Earl Twigg and baby were at the Saluda hospital on Monday, where the baby was taken for treatment.

Lucien English, who has been in Kansas for some time, is at the English farm at Davidson River.

Mrs. P. S. King, of Asheville, was guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Whitmire on Sunday.

Mrs. Addie Ryan, who is remembered here as Miss Addie Duckworth, of Detroit, visited relatives and friends here Sunday en route to California.

Misses Daisy and Hattie Orr have moved to Chattanooga, Tenn., where they will make their home in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young and Mrs. T. E. Jun, of Vero Beach, Fla., and Mrs. Mamie C. Verdery, of Hendersonville, were Brevard visitors Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Johr Weatherford of Austin, Texas, and Mrs. M. G. Gartli, of Gainesville, Ala., have returned to their homes after spending some time here with their sister, Mrs. Ernest Webb. They were called here on account of the illness and death of their mother, Mrs. Jane Allison.

Mrs. Alvin Rockwood and little daughter, Dorothy Gay, and Miss Dorothy King are visiting relatives in Florence, S. C.

Mrs. L. B. Houston, of Greenville, was the week-end guest of Mrs. Beulah Zachary.

Miss Helen Cohen of Rochester, N. Y., and Charleston, S. C., is visiting Mrs. Beulah Zachary.

Miss Anna Preston, field secretary for Salem College and for Salem Academy, was in Brevard the past week in the interest of these two institutions. She was guest of Mrs. Beulah Zachary while here.

Sam McKelvey, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. M. S. McKelvey, left Wednesday for his home at Longview, Texas.

Mrs. T. Ryan Livingston, Misses Eleanor Lurline and Doris Asbill, of Leesville, S. C., are visiting Mrs. Sloan at Peter Pan.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gates and son Charles of Bradenton, Fla., are spending a month in Brevard, stopping

NOTICE TO STEWARDS.

To the stewards of Brevard Methodist church, who have the list of names of members not paid to date, I want to insist on each and every one of you to see these members at once and make your report at a meeting of the stewards to be held Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the church. We will expect 100 per cent attendance of the board at this meeting, as it is one of great importance.

T. W. WHITMIRE,
Chairman Board of Stewards.

pening in an apartment at the home of Miss Sadie North.

Mrs. L. K. Stanford of Augusta, Ga., was a Brevard visitor last week, stopping at the home of Miss Katherine Griffin.

T. B. Crary has been quite ill at his home but is reported to be improving.

Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Banks of College Place, S. C., were guests Friday of Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Pendleton and family. The visitors, accompanied by Mrs. Walter Banks and Pendleton Banks, spent the week-end at Norris, Tenn., where Walter Banks is connected with the TVA. En route they visited the Cherokee Indian reservation and the Great Smokies.

Porter Williams of Charleston, S. C., spent the week-end here with his wife and children who are spending the summer here on Probert street.

Mrs. John West Chapman left the past week for her home in Charleston, S. C., where she will spend a short time before returning to her summer home here.

Rev. D. D. Diefflenwerth, Mrs. Diefflenwerth and children, of Winter Garden, Fla., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Atwater Monday. The party went to Fryling Pan Gap for dinner and enjoyed climbing Mt. Pisgah in the afternoon. Rev. Diefflenwerth is pastor of the First Methodist church, South, in Winter Garden. He and his family are spending the summer at Swannanoa.

Mrs. C. R. McNeely, little C. R., and Mrs. Bill Croon and son Billy, of Danville, Va., are visiting friends and relatives in Brevard for ten days or two weeks.

HOMEMAKERS CLASS TO MEET THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Homemakers class of the Baptist church will meet at the home of Mrs. W. S. Price Jr. Tuesday afternoon. All members are requested to be present.

MEETING OF G. A. NEXT WEDNESDAY

The intermediate G. A.'s of the Baptist church will meet Wednesday, August 22, at the home of Polly Hartsell. All members are urged to attend.

Aunt Eliza Cunningham

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in Brevard for "Aunt Liza" Cunningham, 80 year old negroess who died Friday night after an extended illness.

"Aunt Liza" was well respected among her own race and was known by white people of the community as a fine old woman. She was of the old school, having moved to this county several years after the War Between the States.

Aunt Eliza is survived by four children, ten grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren. One brother also survives. As a mark of esteem, hundreds of people, many of them white friends of Aunt Eliza, attended the funeral service.

WANT ADS

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E. L. HALSELL will sell his place at Davidson River. See the property or write E. L. Halsell, Pisgah Forest, N. C. 18 acres, good five room house, three room annex, garage. Ag 16-4tp

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