

MRS. M. C. DAVES DEAD

Lattimore, R-1, Dec. 5.—Mrs. M. C. Daves passed away at her home here, November 25. She was 66 years of age. Her husband died about six years ago. She leaves five boys and three girls, all married but one. They are as follows: Messrs. Twitty, Charlie, Bomer, Tom and Coy Daves, all of New House; Mrs. Andy Jones, of Golden Valley; Mrs. Arthur Turner, of Casar and Miss Vernice Daves, at home.

Mrs. Daves joined Sandy Plains church in early life and remained a faithful member. She was a good neighbor and loved by all. She was always ready to lend a helping hand. The children will miss her, but their loss is "Her Eternal Gain." Funeral services were held at Sandy Plains Baptist church Saturday afternoon, November 26, with Rev. W. M. Gold in charge. A large crowd attended. She was laid to rest beside her husband. Her grave was covered with beautiful flowers, which showed the high esteem in which she was held. Mrs. Daves was the daughter of the late John Moore. She also leaves one brother, Mr. John Moore, Jr. She was a kind mother and a devoted wife.

BOY SCOUT FIELD DAY AT LINCOLNTON DEC. 10

On Saturday afternoon, December 10, the Boy Scout troops of the Piedmont Council will meet to contest for honors in various scoutcraft exercises, on the athletic field of Lincolnton high school, Lincolnton. Scout troops from the counties of Polk, Rutherford, Lincoln, Cleveland and Gaston, comprising the Piedmont council, will be represented.

Troops will assemble at the athletic field at 2 o'clock and form for a short parade through the business section of Lincolnton. The American Legion band will furnish music for the parade and at the field exercises.

The events are scheduled to start at 2:30 o'clock promptly.

The exercises will be held under the auspices of the Lincolnton Kiwanis Club and a suitable silver trophy will be awarded the troop showing the highest proficiency in the various contests.

In case of bad weather the contests will be held on the following Saturday.

Events will be inspection of troops, rope throwing contest, signaling, equipment race, flint and steel fire contest, fire-by-friction, water boiling, archery, knot tying, relay race and shelter tent pitching.

All troops in Rutherford county are urged to have representatives present for these events.

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MRS. PEGRAM LIKES NEW HOME IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. J. T. Pegram who recently motored from this city to Long Beach, California, has written back very enthusiastically of her trip and of California. Mrs. Pegram, in spite of her 67 years of age, motored over 3000 miles in a Ford car, and enjoyed every mile of the trip, on account of its magnificent beauty for the entire trip. The following is a part of a letter written to Miss Ellen Pegram of this city. "We made the trip in twelve days. Could have made it a couple days shorter if we had have known the shortest route, and had not been delayed by road construction. We had no car trouble. We had fine weather and good roads all the way. I like California well enough to make it my future home. I was even sorry when the trip was at its end.

Except for the nights being cool, the days are lovely and warm. I am told that it never gets any colder in the winter. It seems more like spring than fall here to me. There are all kinds of flowers blooming in profusion. Lettuce, tomatoes and every other kind of vegetables growing in the fields.

I have greatly enjoyed the many kinds of fruits. My appetite has improved very much and my health is excellent."

CARPENTER-TAYLOR

Rutherfordton, Dec. 5.—Miss Nell Taylor became the bride of Mr. Pat Carpenter of Raleigh, Thanksgiving day, at 7:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian manse. Rev. W. L. Latham performed the ceremony. It was a quiet and impressive ceremony.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor of Route three. She has held a position with the Harrelson-Fanning Co., Dept. Store of this city for the past four years. She won a host of friends by her pleasing manner and charming personality.

The groom holds an important position with the Norfolk-Southern Railway. He is a young man of splendid character. They will make their home in Raleigh. They left immediately after the ceremony for a trip.

OFFERS PRIZE FOR UNUSUAL CORN EAR

Raleigh, Nov. 28.—It is as hard to find an ear of corn with the rows of grains in odd numbers as it is to find a human being born with an unusual number of fingers.

"In fact so unusual is it to find such corn that I will give a prize of \$50 to the first farmer in North Carolina who sends me in a normal ear with the grains in an odd number of rows," says Dr. B. W. Wells, head of the department of botany at State College. "Any normal ear of corn of any variety always has its grains in an even number of rows. If one does not believe this, let him get some ears and count the rows. After he has checked up a few thousand, he will become convinced."

The reason for this, states Dr. Wells, goes back to the young ear. When it is not as big as one's finger and is only a mass of growing tissue, carefully tucked away in the green sheaths, one may see a number of small ridges forming. Each of these ridges splits into two parts to form two rows of corn. This is an inherited habit. The primary prominences develop two spikelets with the two resultant grain all along the ear. This is the secret of the whole matter, declares the botanist.

The habit of developing these even rows of grain is as fixed as that habit in the human species to bud five fingers on the primary arm extension and it is as easy to find corn with an odd number of grains as it is to find a human being with nine or eleven fingers.

Dr. Wells believes that farmers will find many other interesting facts about the crops which they grow or the plants and trees on the farm if they will observe some of the habits of these plants. Some of the information will of course have no practical value in solving farm problems but the study is interesting and entertaining and adds greatly to one's store of knowledge which may eventually be of service in the farming enterprise.

Those who cut Christmas trees from the property of landowners without first securing permission have little of the spirit of Christmas and are breaking the law.

Dolomitic or magnesium limestone applied to tobacco land at the rate of 1,000 pounds an acre improves the yield and quality of the weed.

GET WOOD SUPPLY BY THINNING TREES

Raleigh, Nov. 28.—There is enough open land in North Carolina now and the best way to get the supply of wood for the winter is not to clear up another strip but to thin out the trees throughout the woodlot.

"We are approaching the season for getting out our supply of wood for the next year. Shall we follow the usual practice of clearing a strip of land or shall we begin to work the timber as a farm crop by thinning the trees," asks R. W. Graeber, extension forester at State College. "We don't need to clear land; we have a surplus of open land now. This is a very good year to start the practice of thinning timber. One may expect from five to 15 cords of firewood from each acre, thinned, and the good, straight, thrifty trees left will have an opportunity of growing rapidly into high class timber. This means that there is another money crop growing on the farm."

In thinning the farm woodlot, all that is needed is to follow Nature's plan and advice, states Mr. Graeber. All the dead, crippled, diseased and over-crowded trees are cut out leaving only the strong, straight, thrifty trees to grow into high class timber. The same plan or idea is followed that is used in chopping cotton or thinning corn.

It is found that the average farmer in North Carolina uses from 15 to 18 cords of fuel wood on his own farm each year. This gives him a market for his waste timber and two

or three acres of land might well be thinned on the farm each year to supply this home need. Many additional cords might be sold for fuel in the towns and cities. If all the farmers of North Carolina would follow this plan for a period of five years, Mr. Graeber believes that the State would be hailed as a leader in the development of its forests.

A number of good farmers are already following this plan but hundreds of others should adopt it this year in the opinion of the forester.

Time flies—opportunity goes with it—here today, gone tomorrow—the WISE man acts now, never waits, so grasps happiness and gathers wealth. You can save \$3.00 by paying \$4.00 on or before December 15, for The Asheville Times (evening or morning editions) daily and Sunday by mail a FULL year, to expire Dec. 10, 1928, and subscribers this year go in class "A" (preferred list) and may RENEW such subscriptions every year during "Bargain Days," Dec. 1-15, at the fixed rate \$4.00 (saving \$3.00)—regular rate \$7.00 a year.

Planting cotton in hills eighteen inches apart returned Joe Glover of Rowan County between 650 and 700 pounds of lint cotton per acre at less expense than the old system of planting, he reports.

Tom Tarheel says he has put a stop to shooting birds on his place and he is having less trouble from insects now than ever before.

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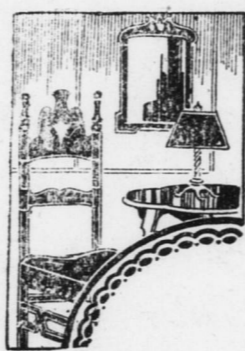
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