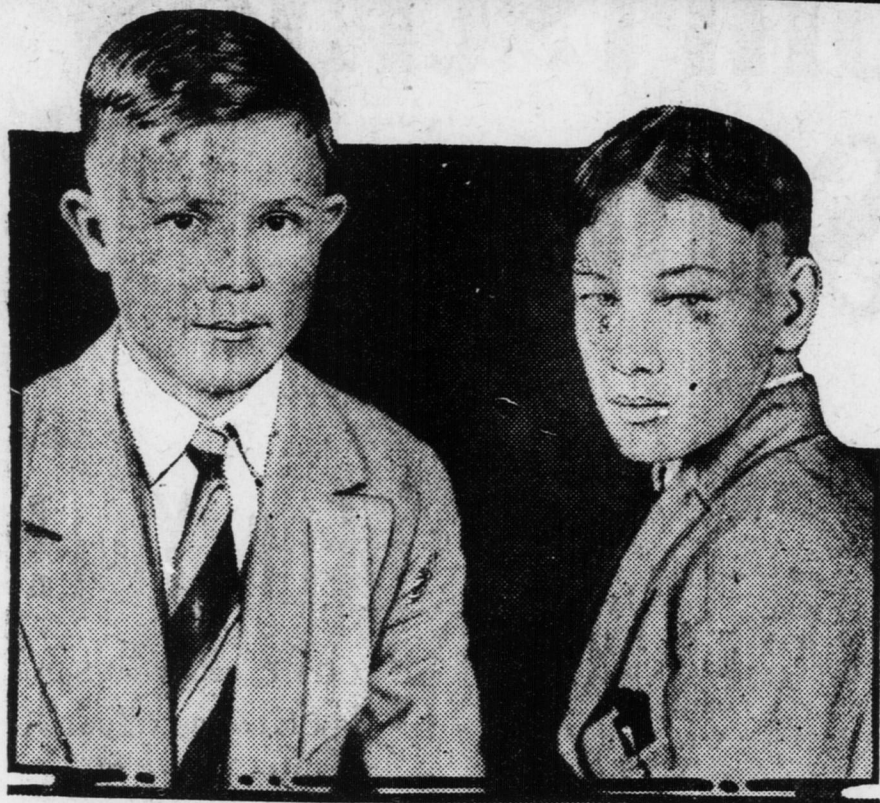


North Carolina Winners in Southeastern Contests



In the Southeastern Essay Contest recently conducted by the Sears Roebuck Agricultural Foundation at Atlanta, the two North Carolina winners were Ralph Sikes of Polkton, N. C., and Forest Hunt of Forest City, N. C. The state winners, each of whom received an acknowledgment of his effort an expense-paid trip to the Southeastern Fair and a gold Stone Mountain Memorial Medal, submitted essays which were exceedingly outstanding among the many North Carolina entries, and which can be practically and profitably applied to North Carolina's agricultural program.

Ralph Sikes of Polkton, who is a junior in the Burnsville High School has been in club work for the past five years. He chose for his subject "The Marketing of Poultry in My Community." Poultry, Ralph points out, is the source of a large portion of the farm income in Anson County, and in his essay he covers every division of successful poultry raising from, the selection of eggs right through the raising of baby chicks, culling, picking, dressing, and packing.

Forest Hunt of Forest City, a junior in the Cool Springs High School, selected as his subject, "The Marketing of Cotton in My Community." He deals with cotton marketing generally and the situation as it affects Rutherford County in particular. The essay is comprehensive in every extent and deals with the whole program of cotton marketing, from planting time, up through picking and ginning until the cotton is put on the market.

In the case of both winners they have chosen subjects containing practical money-making ideas which can be put into immediate use with satisfactory results by almost every North Carolina farmer.

COTTON TESTS ARE COMPLETED

Cotton Demonstrations of Farm of W. L. Hunt Shows Interesting Results

The cotton demonstration that was conducted by the Department of Vocational Agriculture of the Cool Springs High School on the farm of W. L. Hunt has just been completed. It has shown some interesting things for study. The outstanding thing shown is that it pays to side dress cotton with nitrate of soda after chopping. It also shows that it pays to use fertilizer up to about six hundred pounds per acre. The following is the method in which the test was run with the results of each plot. A study of these methods and results will repay any farmer.

On plot one, 420 pounds of 10-4-4 fertilizer was used per acre. This was applied at planting time. The cost of this fertilizer was \$5.78. The plot yielded 1340 pounds per acre which was worth \$119.42. After paying for the fertilizer there was left \$113.64.

On plot two, 275 pounds of acid phosphate, 25 pounds of muriate of potash, and 40 pounds of nitrate of soda was applied per acre before planting. After chopping 100 pounds of nitrate of soda was applied. The yield per acre of this plot was 1390 pounds and it was worth \$123.88. After paying for the fertilizer, which was \$6.80, there was left \$117.08. This plot, compared with plot one, showed the value of side dressing with nitrate of soda after chopping.

On plot three no fertilizer was used. The yield of cotton was 950 pounds per acre valued at \$84.69. The low yield in this plot demonstrated the value of fertilizer.

To plot four was applied at planting time 500 pounds of acid phosphate, 30 pounds of muriate of potash, and 50 pounds of nitrate of soda. To this was added after chopping 150 pounds of nitrate of soda. The cost of all the fertilizer in this plot was \$10.30. The yield of cotton was 1660 pounds worth \$148.02. After paying for the fertilizer there was left \$137.72. This plot demonstrated the value of a large amount of fertilizer.

On plot five, 420 pounds of 10-4-4 was applied before planting, and after chopping 200 pounds of nitrate of soda was applied. The cost of the fertilizer used was \$11.78. The yield of cotton was 1790 pounds per acre, which was worth \$159.54. After subtracting the cost of fertilizer, there was left \$147.76. This plot gave the largest profit of any plot, and it demonstrated conclusively the value of applying nitrate of soda to cotton after chopping.

COMMUNITY NIGHT AT SPINDALE IS WELL ATTENDED

December Community Night Program Was Devoted to Athletics and Athletic Stunts

Spindale, Dec. 13.—As usual the Spindale House was packed Tuesday evening for the regular community night program. The December meeting was designated as athletic night and an exhibition of the many features that are being taught in the gym was given. The Spindale Band was present and furnished music for the program.

A volley ball game was the first event. One team, composed of Lindsay, Wells, James, Howard, Biggerstaff and Dotson battled against the second line-up composed of Yelton, Sherrill, Harrill, Poole, Williams and Smith. The teams played two games, each team winning one.

A fine exhibition of calisthenics was given by sixteen little girls, aged from six to twelve years. Mr. Berry explained that he had been giving these girls this drill for some time, especially on the afternoons when they became troublesome to him. Following this Mr. Berry addressed a few remarks to the audience on the value of play and gym work in reference to keeping the body in best possible condition.

A basketball game between the fats and leans was the next item on program, and many felt repaid for their trouble in coming out just to witness this. In a hard fought game the leans won 13-11. Playing for the fats were Watson, Duncan, Biggerstaff, Howard and Williams. For the leans were Sherrill, Grose, Dotson, Harrill and Yelton. The scoremen were Watson, four points, Duncan five points and Biggerstaff, two points. On the leans Grose secured six points and Dotson seven.

A group of smaller boys, from six to fourteen, next gave some fine examples of tumbling, pyramid building, and other athletic stunts. Some sixteen or eighteen boys participated in this and it was one of the big features of the evening. The program was in charge of

KIWANIS CLUB TO ASSIST POOR

Next Monday Evening's Program Will Be Devoted to Christmas Topics

With good attendance the Kiwanis club enjoyed a delightful evening Monday. A hearty vote of thanks and appreciation was extended the committee in charge of the Christmas lights and decorations in the business district. A committee was appointed to raise funds from all Kiwanians to be used in the distribution of Christmas cheer to the needy poor of the city, the committee to work in conjunction with the secretary of the Welfare association and Chief of Police.

The program was in charge of Rev. M. F. Moores and put on in entertaining style by the new members who have matriculated in Kiwanis during 1927. Attorney Tom Moss delivered the salutatory of the Class of '27, in his usual happy and eloquent way, R. C. Alexander was both witty and entertaining as class prophet, as were C. P. Parks, class poet and G. R. Gillespie as valedictorian. Each speaker of the evening was decorated by J. H. Thomas with a huge button hole bouquet. The dinner and program was enlivened by music of local musicians composing the Moore orchestra, who dispensed some snappy stuff during the evening.

Next Monday night retiring president Dalton will give a summary of the past year's work and the Christmas program will be in charge of Kiwanian Gillespie. Miss Claire Reid will entertain with a Christmas recital and the choir of Methodist church will sing Christmas carols.

NOTICE—Dr. D. M. Morrison, optometrist-eye specialist will be in Forest City on every Thursday. Hours 8 to 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. to 3 p. m. Office back of Dr. Duncan. 52-ff.

Mr. J. E. Berry, superintendent of the Spindale House.

SECRETARY JARDINE URGES MUSCLE SHOALS FERTILIZER AS AID TO FARMERS

Have Been Making Promises Too Long, He Says

"One of the chief ways in which we can help the farmers of this country is to help reduce the cost of their fertilizer bills," Secretary of Agriculture, William Jardine, told a Muscle Shoals inquiry committee of congress last spring in a statement that has just been made public. "They have to use more of it rather than less of it, and concentrated fertilizer—if I understand it correctly—means a reduction of 25 or 30 per cent in the present cost, simply through savings on freight rates and mixing."

Secretary Jardine, in addressing this committee charged with the disposition of Muscle Shoals, explained that he was not interested in Muscle Shoals from the power standpoint nor for any other kind of development except that of "making it work as effectively as possible in the interest of the farmers by giving them cheap fertilizers." "My chief concern is that we do it without delay. We have been making promises for a long time. For 10 years now the promise of a cheaper fertilizer has been before this country. If we had had this going in the last five years, it would have helped the farmers materially."

During this same hearing Congressman John J. McSwain, of South Carolina, made it clear that there is no guarantee of any very cheap fertilizer through the various new processes urged by Dr. F. G. Cottrell and his associates of the Fixed Nitrogen Research Laboratory.

"I do not care how cheaply the du Pont people may be able to manufacture nitrogenous plant food, they are not going to set up this cost-plus-a-reasonable-profit plan (as involved in the offer of the American Cyanamid Company). They will make all the margin between the cost and the existing price of Chilean nitrates, and they will make just as much profit as possible. Now, what I am anxious to do at Muscle Shoals is to use in time of peace that mighty project in order to keep it ready for war. It can be used as a hammer to drive fertilizer prices down through competition."



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