

Farm Problems Met By Vocational Agricultural Class of High School

Boys Make Tests With Fertilizer At Cool Springs

Splendid Results Shown by Class Taught by Prof. Sutton

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Forest City, Nov. 19.—Six tests are being conducted by the Department of Vocational Agriculture, of the Cool Springs High school, in this township to determine the best grade of fertilizer to use for cotton and corn and the best variety of cotton to be grown by the farmers in this community.

There are two fertilizer tests being conducted by this department, one cotton and one corn test. Each test is made up of five plots of one-tenth of an acre. All are fertilized differently and accurate records are being kept of the expense and profit of each plot.

Four cotton tests, to determine the best variety of cotton to be raised in this section, are being conducted. All of these tests are being conducted by the boys in the agricultural class of the high school as a part of their school work. Prof. D. H. Sutton is the teacher of this class and these tests are being made under his supervision.

Meet Local Needs

All the series of experiments are planned to meet the need of the local farmers. There is no problem more vital than the problem of fertilizer, while it is also essential that the farmer should know which is the best variety of cotton for his own particular soil. A highly successful cotton fertilizer test was carried on by this class last year and a good many of the farmers of this section took advantage of the facts proved by the experiment in their cotton planting this year.

As has been stated, all these experiments are carried on to meet the need of the farmers, and the facts established by five hog feeding demonstrations, carried out by the class last year, are governing the feeding of hogs on a number of local farms. More than 500 cockerels were caponized in this district this year as the result of a demonstration to determine whether it pays to caponize or not.

Poultry on Farm

Poultry on the farm has been one of the department's special aims since it was started three years ago. The number of pure bred poultry in the community has more than doubled since the work began. Work in feeding, breeding, housing and sanitation that the department has done has greatly increased the yield from poultry on the farms in the school district. Fifteen model poultry houses have been built under the direction of this department and it has cooperated with the Rutherford County Poultry Association in buying feed at wholesale.

It has also been the aim of the Vocational Agricultural Department to have an equipped farm shop on every farm represented in the class. Work benches, tool cabinets and boxes are just a few of the many things made by the class. Many useful articles for the home have also been made by the boys. The purpose of the course in shop work is to prepare the boys to do shop repairing on the farm. In these days of autos the blacksmith has almost become a thing of the past, and tools repaired by garage mechanics represent a big expense to the farmer. A well equipped farm shop is essential to the farmer who would repair his own tools.

Field Work Excellent

The field work done by this class last spring is extremely creditable. They have pruned four orchards, sprayed three orchards, equipped twelve farm shops, culled four flocks of poultry and made a number of field trips to nearby farms to study incubation, breeding and farm management of poultry.

In the work of the department of Cool Springs high school every effort has been made to cooperate with all the local agencies in the general extension of agricultural work. To this end the department has worked with the Rutherford County Poultry Association, The Farmers Federation, The Forest City Kiwanis Club, and with County Agent F. E. Patton and Miss Laura Howard.

The agricultural department was one of the promoters of the Forest City Curb Market. The department cooperated with the Forest City Ki-

wanis Club, the County Farm Demonstration and Home Agents in starting and promoting the market. The boys did about half the work on the curb market building.

Morgan Wins Honor

Norman Morgan, who is now a senior at Cool Springs high school, won the highest honor that a vocational agriculture student can win when he was made "Carolina Farmer" at the Young Tar Heel Farmers meeting in Raleigh, last June. There were seven of the three hundred agriculture students of the state upon whom this honor was conferred. There are nine qualifications for this honor and the relatively small number of students who qualified show how outstanding the record of a "Carolina Farmer" must be. Norman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morgan of the Mt. Pleasant community. He has been an outstanding student of agriculture for three years.

Forest Hunt, another student of this class, won first prize in this state for an essay on "Cotton Marketing" in the fall of 1927. This gave him a trip to the Southeastern fair at Atlanta.

Mr. Sutton, teacher of the agricultural department of Cool Springs high school, was chosen as one of the five outstanding agricultural teachers of North Carolina, at Raleigh in June. These men were selected on a comparative score being based on the state program of work as outlined by the State Department for Vocational Agricultural Education. These five men were selected from 110 teachers of agriculture in the state as being the ones who did the best job of teaching in the high schools. In grading the teachers the scoremen took into the consideration the work accomplished by the teacher with his class, the efficiency of the class as a whole, and the manner of work done. The state is divided into five districts for convenience in grading and Mr. Sutton was chosen as the outstanding teacher in the fifth district.

CITIZENS PROTEST BOND ISSUE.

Petitions Circulating Calling For Referendum Vote on \$57,000 Bond Issue

At a meeting of the county commissioners of Rutherford county on October 29, an order for issuing bonds to the amount of \$22,000 was passed, the sum to be used for the construction of a bridge across Broad river, near Harris. At the same meeting another order authorizing the issuance of \$35,000 in bonds for purposes of reconstructing roads and bridges in the county which were damaged or destroyed last summer in the flood, was passed.

Many people of the county, feeling that the special bond issue was unnecessary, have protested against it. Several petitions are being circulated over the county, and are being signed by the voters, calling for an election on the matter. Signatures of fourteen percent, or about 1600 voters, are required before a special election can be called. According to reports Saturday approximately 1200 had signed, and all of the petitions had not been called in and the names counted. Those sponsoring the move to call an election have until December 1st, to complete the petitions.

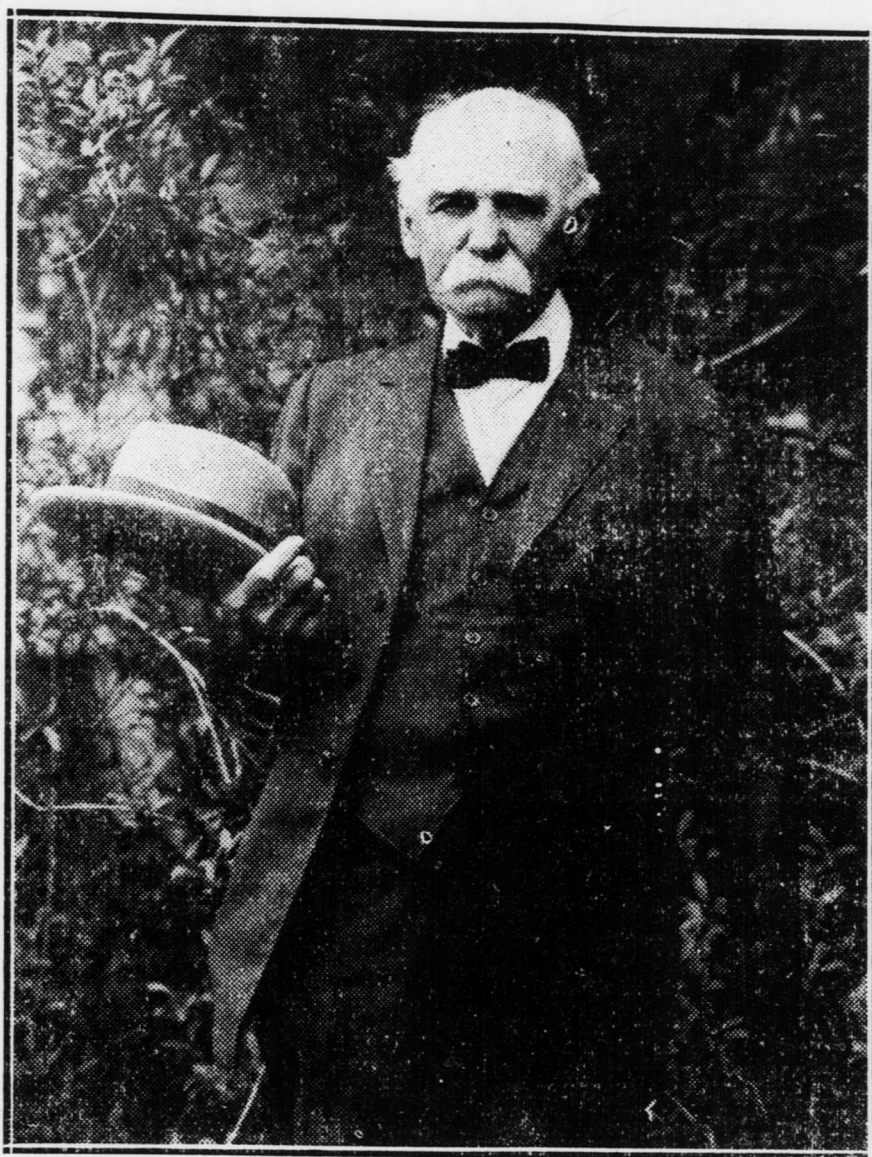
According to those who are familiar with the situation little difficulty will be experienced in securing the necessary signers of the petitions.

ELLENBORO ORGANIZES LOCAL BOY SCOUT COUNCIL

Ellenboro, Nov. 19.—A local Boy Scout committee was organized at Ellenboro last week when Mr. R. M. Schiele, scout executive, from Gastonia met with a small group of interested citizens. The committee organized is already sponsoring the re-organization of the Ellenboro troop which was one of the best, if not the best, troop in the county at one time.

The following men were selected to make up the committee from the town: Chairman, A. B. Bushong; vice-chairman, Fred Harrill; Finance, O. R. Coffield; court of honor, Capt. J. E. Bland; publicity, A. B. Bushong; troop organization and training, M. O. Harrill, school relations and reading, Professor T. A. Jones; camping, J. E. Beam, health and safety, Dr. Adkins. Members at large E. E. Harrill, J. A. Martin, Capt. W. L. Black, G. M. Edwards and J. G. Henry.

Rutherford County's Next Representative



HON. GEORGE BIGGERSTAFF

The above picture is that of Hon. George Biggerstaff, who was elected as a representative to the General Assembly from Rutherford county over his republican opponent, D. L. Crawford. Mr. Biggerstaff is well known in the county, having held public office before. He was treasurer of Rutherford county several years.

DEMOCRATS HOLD PARTY BANQUET

C. O. Ridings Honored By Candidates Friday Evening at Iso-Thermal Hotel

Rutherfordton, Nov. 19.—A most interesting and enjoyable meeting was held at the Iso-Thermal Hotel Friday night in the form of a get-together dinner when the Democratic county candidates held a banquet in honor of Democratic County Chairman, C. O. Ridings and Mrs. Ridings and other workers in the recent campaign.

Party harmony and a spirit of loyalty and good-fellowship featured the meeting. W. W. Nanney, banker and member of the County Board of Education presided over the meeting. Practically all the Democratic county candidates were present, and all are Democrats except one.

Hon. George Biggerstaff, recently elected to the Legislature from Rutherford introduced a resolution thanking Chairman Ridings, Attorneys S. P. Dunnagan, M. L. Edwards and others for their part in making a successful campaign in the county. Mr. Ridings responded in a brief and appropriate address. He declared that the Democratic party is not dead, but is much alive and will be found "on the job" two and four years hence. Special mention was made of the faithful work of Mr. Biggerstaff in helping the county Democrats to win the campaign.

Short and "enthusiastic speeches" were made by R. R. Blanton, county solicitor; A. R. Beam, state senator; R. E. Price, editor of The Rutherford News; W. C. Hardin, sheriff; J. R. Anderson, chairman of the County Board of Elections; Clarence Hames, newly elected member of the county Board of Education; C. S. Royster, Superintendent of the Rutherford county home; George Biggerstaff, member-elect of the Legislature; J. T. Harris, member of the County Board of Education, and M. L. Edwards, attorney. The latter made a plea for party harmony and loyalty. All felt optimistic over the future outlook of the party.

Those present at the banquet were Messrs. W. W. Nanney, M. L. Edwards, J. T. Harris, George Biggerstaff, Clarence Hames, J. R. Anderson, W. C. Hardin, W. C. Hightower, H. H. Tucker, R. E. Price, Dr. W. P. Hall, J. A. Dennis, A. R. Beam, R. R. Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Ridings, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Geer, Mrs. Minnie F. Blanton, and C. S. Royster.

ELDER WHITE TO PREACH AT ELLENBORO SUNDAY

Ellenboro, Nov. 20.—Elder C. M. White will preach at the home of Mr. S. J. McKinney, near Ellenboro, on Sunday, November 25, at 2 p. m. All are invited to attend this preaching service.

STARTS CONSTRUCTION WORK ON ROUTE NO. 19

Construction work on State Highway No. 19, Rutherfordton to Marion, began last week. The survey for this route has been completed, and the road will be constructed first from Rutherfordton to the Rutherford-McDowell line. The present survey eliminates a number of bad curves, gives the road a better grade, shortens the distance and avoids the heavy pull over Ball Alley. The road will leave the present roadbed north of Thermal City and will follow the river through the gap, and parallel with the Southern railway tracks.

SMITH'S GROVE

Forest City, R-3, Nov. 19.—The Rev. W. B. Craig filled his regular appointment at Smith's Grove Saturday and Sunday. A large crowd attended the services on Sunday. The Rev. O. R. Flack was in charge.

Miss Virginia Finley, of Chesnee, spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Allen, who has been very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Bridges and Mrs. Humphries were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Crowder.

Miss Esther Green was a visitor of Miss Mollie Yelton last week end. Rev. W. B. Craig and O. R. Flack were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith. Miss Annie Mae Andrews spent Sunday with Miss Ruth Crowder.

Miss Louise Radford was the guest of Miss Mollie Yelton Sunday afternoon.

Little Miss Evelyn Crowder spent Saturday night with Miss Alice Hardin.

Mr. Joe Duke, of Carolee was a visitor last week of Mr. Howard Carter.

Miss Ethel Andrews is on the sick list this week.

Miss Virginia Finley spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Pinkie Fortenberry.

Miss Mary Wilson Hardin spent Saturday night with Miss Ruth Crowder.

Mr. Albert Dixon, of Shelby, and

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING TODAY AND FRIDAY

Mrs. Maude Minish Sutton One of Speakers on Program of Folk-Lore Society

The annual meeting of the State Literary and Historical Association, The North Carolina Folk Lore Society and the North Carolina State Art Society will convene in Raleigh Thursday (today) and continue through Friday. The first session of the Art Society was held yesterday (Wednesday).

Among the speakers on the State Literary and Historical Society program are Dr. James K. Boyd, Prof. R. D. W. Connor, Lois V. Rumph, William Pok, and A. R. Newsome, which constitutes a brilliant array of talent in historical research work. On Friday evening the principal address will be delivered by Prof. C. H. Van Tyne, head of the history department of the University of Michigan.

Local Woman on Program

The seventeenth annual session of the North Carolina Folk-Lore Society will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Virginia Dare Ballroom in the Sir Walter Hotel. Mrs. S. Westray Battle, of Asheville, president of the society, will give a paper, "Some Folk-Words," followed by a paper on "The Musical Possibilities in Mountain Songs," by Mrs. Maude Minish Sutton, of Forest City. Douglas MacMillan, of Raleigh, will give a paper on "John Kuners". Each paper or reading will be followed by English and Scottish ballads, North Carolina Folk songs, and folk song quartettes. The session will close with a business session and election of officers.

Mr. Charles McMurry of Lincolnton, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Crowder one day last week.

Messrs. Carl and Luther Helton and Ernest Lee, of Ellenboro, were visitors at Mr. Roland Smith's Sunday afternoon.



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