

## FARMERS PLAN TRIP TO FAMOUS COKER FARMS

Will Leave Today (Thursday) For Observation Trip over Farm at Hartsville, S. C.

As the result of a suggestion by Mr. Hugh McRae, of Wilmington, to the Rutherford County Club at the September meeting, a farm tour to the Coker Farms at Hartsville, S. C., will be taken on next Thursday.

A committee of agricultural teachers, and others interested in the tour, held two meetings in the court house, at Rutherfordton, last week, and made plans for the trip. The County Club, with the co-operation of the two Kiwanis Clubs and the

Lions Club will sponsor the trip.

The plan is for business and professional men, teachers of vocational agriculture and the county agent to take their cars and take the leading farmers, selected from the various sections of the county.

The party will start from Rutherfordton, in front of the court house, at 5:30 a. m., Thursday morning. As the party goes down Highway No. 20, other delegates will be picked up as far as Ellenboro.

The round trip will about 320 miles, and will be made in one day, which will necessitate the early start, as it is planned to spend about three hours in Hartsville.

Each person making the trip is expected to take his own lunch. Only progressive and interested farmers will make the trip. The object is to study farming methods as used on the Coker farm.

The Coker farm is one of the most famous in the south. More than 12,000 acres are devoted to the breeding, testing and growing pedigreed seeds. Over 15,000 test rows are devoted to oat breeding and test work while there are over 3,000 individual cotton plants tested with 174 new strains of cotton. Corn, asparagus, rye and a number of other field crops are tested annually. Dr. David R. Coker and his assistants have devoted 28 years to improving the quality and production of southern field crops by means of pedigreed plant breeding.

The Coker farm has bred and

distributed 43 new improved pedigreed strains of grain and has spent thousands of dollars and years of toil to the solution of Southern agricultural problems. The idea of the farm is to increase the per acre production.

It has a herd of Guernsey cattle which are unexcelled in the South.

This trip will be well worth any man's time and it is hoped to have at least 100 people make it.

## Ministers Hold Monthly Meeting

Spindale, Oct. 6.—The Rutherford County Ministers Association met at the Spindale House Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Besides the minister members there were present as visitors, Mrs. C. L. Steidly of High Point, who is holding evangelistic service this week at the Methodist church of Spindale; Rev. G. G. Adams, of Mooresville, N. C., who is holding an Epworth League Institute at Cliffside; and Rev. C. I. Taylor of Rutherfordton who was later enrolled as a member of the Association.

After a most interesting presentation of the Communistic activities by Rev. E. B. Jenkins the time was extended 10 minutes for discussion. Bro. Jenkins was requested to prepare for the newspapers of the county during the next two weeks a factual study of Communism as it is attacking in our own community belief in God, in Christ, in the Church, the Home, and purity as well as the entire structure of our government and industry.

It is believed that the reading public will await with interest these facts on "The Enemy Within Our Gates."

The next meeting of the Association will be the 3rd of November. The subject "Christian Patriotism" The leader, Rev. C. I. Taylor.

## Ex-Service Men To Hear Bulwinkle

Rutherfordton, Oct. 6.—Hon. A. L. Bulwinkle, of Gastonia, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Ninth District, has accepted an invitation to deliver the Armistice banquet address here on the night of November 11th.

The Fred Williams Post, of the American Legion, sponsors annually a banquet on the evening of November 11th, at which time all ex-service men and their wives are invited. This year's banquet will be held at the Isothermal hotel, and Major Bulwinkle will be the speaker.

## Get Hatching Eggs From Tested Hens

Because of the prevalence of white diarrhea in poultry since this industry has become of commercial importance in the State, growers need to get their hatching eggs from tested flocks only.

This is the opinion expressed by R. S. Dearstyne, head of the State college poultry department, who has made a careful study of the poultry disease situation. The control of white diarrhea is one of the chief poultry disease problems in the State at this time. This disease is caused by a minute germ which is transmitted from hen to chick because the egg yolk forming the early food of the chick is filled with the germs.

"It is probable that at least ten percent of all untested birds are carriers of this disease," says Mr. Dearstyne. "Not every egg laid by a carrier will be infected but analyses which we have made of 15,000 eggs from such birds show the infection ratio to run from two to 40 percent. Only 29.4 percent of 969 eggs laid by these carriers hatched. Of the few chicks hatched, a great majority are born with the disease."

Not only are the infected chicks sick themselves and fail to develop properly but they void great numbers of the germs and thus spread the disease to healthy chicks. Those which are able to throw off the disease and grow into healthy appearing birds are usually carriers and thus keep up the spread of the trouble year after year.

Mr. Dearstyne says, therefore, it is of vital importance to North Carolina's great poultry industry to get rid of the carriers of white diarrhea. The only way to do this is to apply the blood test and eliminate those which react. Post mortem examinations of 1200 reacting birds made at the poultry department laboratory show that 93 percent of the hens and 73 percent of the pullets showed definite lesions characteristic of the disease.

## DENTISTS TO MEET IN RUTHERFORDTON

Second District Dental Society Plans Annual Session in November at Isothermal.

Rutherfordton, Oct. 6.—The executive Committee of the First District Dental Society of the State Dental Association met at the Isothermal Hotel at a dinner recently and decided to hold their annual fall meeting here, possibly November 19-20th, 1930, with headquarters at the Isothermal hotel. The District embraces all counties in Western North Carolina as far East as Gaston and will bring about one hundred visitors here for two days. The program and fuller details will be announced later.

The Rutherford County Dental Society met with the committee. The next regular meeting of the County Society will be held at Cliffside on Tuesday night, Oct. 14th at 7:30 o'clock.

Dr. T. A. Wilkins of Gastonia, is president of the District Society. He is a native of this section. Dr. C. S. McCall of Forest City, is secretary-treasurer.

## MUSKETEERS HOLD MEETING

"The Happy Musketeers" held a meeting Friday night, September 26, at the home of Louise Minish. They reorganized and elected the following officers: president, Miss Katherine Moore; vice-president, Miss Annie Moore; secretary, Miss Ethel Beachboard; treasurer, Miss Inez Hamrick; social leader, Miss Helen Thomas; sponsor, Miss Louise Minish.

The date for meeting was arranged for every other Friday night but due to other activities the next meeting will be held on Thursday. We will make a constitution, initiate new members and attend to other business.

On Saturday, October 11, we will hold a rummage sale in the empty building formerly occupied by the bowling alley.

We look forward to the coming year and hope to have some very good times.

## May Feed Cows At Lower Cost

Crushed wheat and barley is cheaper than corn meal as a feed for dairy cattle and is just as efficient in producing milk when fed pound for pound as a substitute.

"Crushed wheat and crushed barley is selling from \$8 to \$10 a ton less than corn meal and North Carolina dairymen may save considerable money this year by substituting these feeds for the meal," recommends John A. Arey, dairy extension specialist at State college. "We have some late experimental data which show that these two feeds have about the same milk producing value, pound for pound, as does the corn meal and the progressive dairyman should be quick to take advantage of the lower price of the feeds so that he may increase his profits or be able to produce milk at a lower price."

Mr. Arey suggests a good ration in which the crushed wheat and crushed barley may be used. When it is to be fed with non-leguminous roughage such as meadow hay, corn stover and silage, he suggests the following grain ration: 100 pounds each of crushed barley, crushed wheat, crushed oats, cottonseed meal and soybean or peanut meal.

When the ration is to be fed with a mixed roughage such as alfalfa, soybean or cowpea hay together with grass hays and silage, Mr. Arey suggests making it by mixing together 100 pounds each of crushed barley, crushed wheat, crushed oats and cottonseed meal. If the crushed wheat is not available, an extra 100 pounds of barley may be substituted for the wheat in each of the above mixtures.

In both of the mixtures, Mr. Arey recommends the addition of one percent of steamed bone meal. This is necessary to provide the minerals in the diet of the dairy cow.

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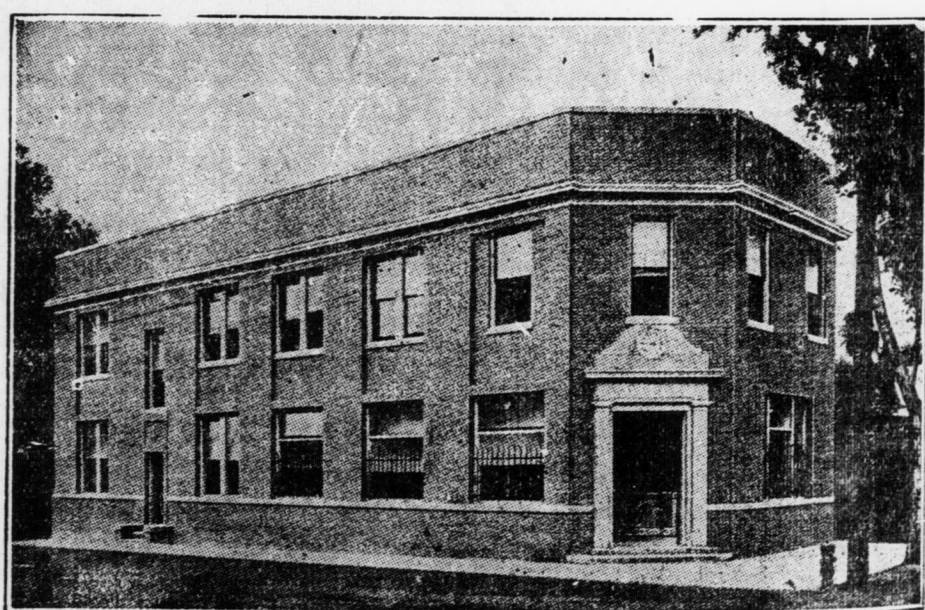
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