

COUNTY HOME FARM ONE OF BEST IN N. C.

County is Owner of Fine Farm
—Produces Sufficient
Foodstuffs to Feed
Inmates.

Rutherfordton, July 6.—Rutherford county has one of the best farms in the state. It contains 305 acres and is located two miles west of Rutherfordton on Highway 19 towards Polk county. This farm believes in Governor Gardner's live-at-home program and raises most of the supplies needed for the 50 inmates of the county home.

The superintendent of the county home and farm is C. S. Royster, a well known farmer. Mr. Royster recently cut a 16-acre field of wheat that was as good as any wheat grown in this section of the state. Last year Mr. Royster made 308 bushels of wheat on about the same land when wheat was not as good as it is this year. He produced 365 bushels this season.

Last fall Mr. Royster used a sack of 10-0-4 fertilizer to the acre when the wheat was sowed. In March he used 100 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre on the wheat.

He sold most of the wheat last year for seed. He won second prize at the State Fair in Raleigh last fall on wheat, which is the Improved Purple Straw variety and sold most of the wheat for seed.

It takes 1,300 pounds of flour per month and from 15 to 20 bushels of meal to supply the bread demands

of the home. Mr. Royster produced about 1,200 bushels of corn on the farm last year.

Fifteen big hogs were killed last year, or about 4,000 pounds of meat. He had to purchase some to feed his "big family." This year he plans to kill at least 16 big porkers, or around 5,000 pounds of meat. He raises the Big Bone Poland China hogs with some O. I. C. breeds. Mr. Royster sold about \$60 worth of pigs last summer and fall, which goes into the county treasury.

There are 11 good milk cows on the farm at present which give from 30 to 35 gallons of milk per day, or about 250 to 300 pounds of milk. Jerseys are used. Six of the milkers are registered while the others only lack about one-sixteenth of being registerable. The home never buys milk and butter, though at present there are about 60 people to feed, including inmates, prisoners, juveniles and the Royster family.

Costs \$14.72 Per Month.
Mr. Royster fed the inmates of the county home at \$14.72 per head per month last year. McDowell county has three inmates at the Rutherford home for which they pay \$30 per month each to support.

Mrs. Royster is matron of the home. She looks after the garden cows, and chickens. County Farm Agent F. E. Patton is also of assistance to the farm in making helpful suggestions.

Of the 305 acres 100 are in cultivation. No cotton is raised. About 65 acres are planted in corn this year while the rest is planted in grain, and gardens. Mr. Royster raised 10 tons of oats and vetch this year. He purchases no feeds or corn, as the farm is self-supporting.

About 45 acres have been cleared since the Roysters went to the home in December, 1922. The farm produces about 10 times as much food and feed stuffs since the Roysters took charge as it did previously.

New Home Built.
During the fall of 1925 Rutherford county erected one of the most modern and comfortable county homes to be found in the state at a cost of over \$70,000. Cabarrus county has a home similar to that of Rutherford. There are three brick

buildings at the home, connected with an arch.

Each building is equipped with steam heat, electric lights, water and sewerage. The keeper and his family live in the center building while the south wing is for white people and the north for colored. The buildings are well ventilated and screened and are of pressed brick with tile roof. A fireplace is in each end of each home.

There are fifteen acres of improved pasture land on the farm.

Kiwanis Club Talks New Highway Plans

Shelby, July 6.—More state highways was the subject of the discussion at the Kiwanis club Friday night, the club having centered its efforts on trying to get No. 190 paved thru Polkville, Golden Valley and on to Marion. E. B. Jeffress, state highway commissioner, has been invited to address a joint meeting of the Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis clubs Thursday night, July 16th. The committee in charge to confer with the city aldermen relative to gas plant for Shelby was not ready to report.

Lightning Burns Ellenboro Barn

Ellenboro, July 6.—A large barn on the farm of Charles Spratt, Colfax township farmer, was burned with all contents when it was struck by lightning during a terrific storm late Thursday afternoon. Two mules, farm tools and a nearby crib with a store of grain were also destroyed by the flames which spread rapidly. Mr. Spratt was away and Mrs. Spratt was helpless to combat the flames. The total loss amounted to about \$2,000. Some insurance was carried. The storm was followed by showers which broke the intense heat wave in Rutherford county.

ELLENBORO WINS TWO.

Ellenboro, July 6.—Ellenboro won both morning and afternoon games from the Charlotte Boosters here Saturday by the scores of 6 to 3 and 7 to 3.

In the morning game Quick hurled beautiful ball until the eighth when errors together with a hit by Wilson proved his downfall. Lee Green hurled masterful ball for the home team after the second inning. Wiley also starred for the visitors in this game.

In the afternoon game Charlotte came back with Farrell, Central high hurler, in an effort to win. Kirksey bore down in the pinches for Ellenboro, however, and allowed the visitors only seven hits.

CLUB MEMBERS ENJOY OUTING AT CLUB CAMP

One of the most interesting events in the club calendar according to 4-H club members, is the annual encampment. All the girls who spent five days in the recent camp at the State test farm, near Swannanoa, agreed that it was the most enjoyable and instructive outing they had ever attended.

This encampment of fifty girls from four counties, Franklin, Buncombe, Madison and Rutherford, enjoyed this camp together.

The girls arose at seven a. m., and the first thing on the program was setting up exercise and swimming. A short time after breakfast was devoted to cleaning up the camp, and preparing vegetables for dinner. Classes in arts, dramatics and belt making occupied the rest of the time until dinner.

In the afternoon the girls hiked or swam. After supper different girls dramatized plays.

Tuesday morning was devoted to the election of fourteen superlatives of the camp. Lillian Smith, of Avondale was selected the pretties girl. Nell Stallings, of Franklin county, was elected the P. L., Sarah Summey of Rutherford county, has the distinction of having been elected to 2 superlatives, she was the best all-around girl in camp and the cutest. Mrs. F. A. Read of Franklin county had most personality. Sallie Lou Askue was most athletic; Winnie Price of Forest City, was selected the sweetest girl. Miss Price has an outstanding record in club work. She attended the short course in Raleigh last summer. She has had more than eight years in club work. Eric Medin of Franklin county was voted best swimmer; Lillian Smith—best dancer; Winnie Price best actor; Ruth Smart most dependable; Natalie Smith best singer and Nell Stallings most original.

The girls enjoyed ever minute of the busy exciting camp life. The

four county agents in charge of the camp expressed themselves as delighted with it. All admired the splendid spirit shown by the girls in co-operating and entering into camp life. Miss Frances Crayton, of Madison county, was in charge of the kitchen. Miss Laura Howard was in charge of the camp yards, Miss Adna Edwards of Buncombe county and Miss Gee of Franklin county was in charge of other camp activities.

LEGION POST WILL PICK NEW OFFICERS THURSDAY

The regular meeting night of Willis Towery Post No. 74, American Legion, has been changed to Thursday night instead of Friday night in the past.

Election of officers for the next year will be held Thursday night, also delegates to the State convention will be elected. The State convention will be held at Morehead City, July 26th to 28th inclusive.

All members are urged to attend Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock at City Hall

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FERRY NEWS

Ferry, July 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Sherlin and little son, who have been spending sometime here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sherlin are leaving for Rock Hill, S. C., where Mr. Sherlin has work. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tate and children spent Sunday with Mr. Edgar McGinnis and family.

Mr. Claude Kennedy and family of Charlotte, were visitors here last Sunday.

Mr. Myles Haynes and mother and little Myles, Jr., of Avondale were

visitors here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. J. C. Monteith, of Piney River, Va., spent the week-end with his family here. He reports extremely hot weather where he has been working. We can boast this here too.

Messrs Williams and James, of Tennessee, and Philadelphia, Pa., respectively were visitors here last Wednesday. Mr. Williams was prospecting for graphite near here.

Mrs. D. T. Dyer was reported sick Sunday but is better now. The fourth was real quite here unusually so it seemed.

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