

FOUR PERSONS KILLED IN STORM

Great Damage By Lighting, Wind and Rain In One Of the Most Destructive Blasts That Ever Swept Over Stokes and Patrick Counties.

Last Friday evening in one of the most destructive storms that ever swept over Stokes and Patrick counties, two children of Tilden Shelton, in Peters' Creek township, were struck by lightning and instantly killed. Tilden Shelton is a farmer who lives on the Levi Lackey place near the Virginia line. The victims, a little girl 9 years of age, and an infant one year old, were near the door when the bolt of electricity fell. The child was in the arms of a nurse, who was unhurt by the crash. In the same storm two persons were killed by lightning in Patrick, but whose names have not been learned.

Lightning did great damage through many sections of the northern part of this county and Patrick. A number of cows and calves were killed. At one place seven hogs were killed simultaneously. Many chickens were killed. Near Campbell in one grove 27 trees were counted blown down by the wind. Land was badly washed in some sections, wheat shocks torn down, and other crops injured.

The effect of the storm in and around Danbury was light, though a cow was killed by lightning near Buck Island. From here the cloud was witnessed with terror by many people. Stretching clear across the northwestern horizon and high up, it was of inky blackness, and its fast approach was preceded by constant flashes of zig zag lightning. The cloud roared like a strong wind in the forest. The oldest citizens never witnessed a more terrifying spectacle.

Why Forage Crops Should Be Fed On The Farm?

All products which can be fed to live stock, which have a market value, have a double value to the farmer. This double value consists of their market or feed value and their fertilizer value. For instance, pasture crops yield their feed value, and in addition about 90 per cent of their fertilizer value is left on the land, for on an average only about 10 per cent of the feeds are retained by the live stock. Crops that must be harvested and fed in barns or anywhere off the land where produced, yield the farmer a less value in plant foods returned to the land, because of the losses which always take place in the handling of stable manure; but in any feed at least from one-half to three-fourths of its fertilizer value may be retained on the farm. Live stock, therefore, usually furnish the best possible market for the coarse products of the farm because the feed value and the fertilizer value combined is almost always greater than the market value. In view of all these facts it may be put down as an invariable rule that any product suitable for feeding live stock should never be put into the ground direct as a fertilizer, for in such case its feeding value is lost; and that usually a coarse farm product should not be sold off the farm, because its feeding and fertilizer values are usually greater than its market value. — Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer and Gazette.

At the conclusion of Secretary Nagel's address last week at Trinity College, President Southgate announced that though unable to attend commencement exercises, B. B. Duke sent \$100,000 to the college to support it in the future. This makes \$350,000 appropriated by philanthropists since commencement a year ago and far above a million for the Duke family since the college was moved to Durham.

CONCRETE FOR THE FARMER.

Every Reader Should Investigate Its Possibilities and a Postal Card Will Get You a Book Easily Worth a Quarter.

Concrete is the coming building material—there seems to be little doubt of it. All sorts of things are being made out of concrete now—dwellings, barns, out-houses, silos, walks, water-tanks, fence and telephone posts, gutters, and so on and on. The reasons for this ever widening range of usefulness are the increasing prices of timber and the durability of concrete. A concrete building is there "for all time to come," as the saying goes; there is no danger of leakage from the concrete tank; the concrete walk will be hard and smooth under all sorts of conditions. No wonder this new material, comparatively speaking, is becoming so popular, even before Thos. A. Edison gets his cheap concrete house-building arrangements perfected.

The cheapness of timber in the South has prevented the use of concrete in this section to the same extent as in the North and West; but it is time now for Southern farmers to begin investigating concrete possibilities. As a first step, we would suggest that every reader at all interested write to the Atlas Portland Cement Co., Dept. 117, 30 Broad St., New York, for a free copy of their book, "Concrete Construction on the Farm." This book would be cheap at 25 cents, and may easily be worth many times that amount to any wide-awake farmer.

We recommend you to do this "on our own hook" and without any knowledge on the part of the Atlas Cement people, just because we believe it will pay you. Get out that bunch of postals and send one today.

Lillian Cox.

Pilot Mt. Route 1, June 14.
Dear Reporter:
I am a little girl 12 years old. I went to school at Gibson school house. My teachers names were Mr. R. H. Mitchell, Jr., and Miss Alice Simmons. I studied geography, history, spelling and arithmetic. I like spelling best of all.
Hello! Mr. Mitchell, why don't you write to the Reporter? We all would be glad to hear from you through the Reporter.
Your little friend,
LILLIAN COX.

Facts

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THE VALUE OF COWPEAS.

Mr. C. R. Hudson, State Agent of F. C. D. Work, Reminds the Farmers of Their Importance.

King, June 20.—As the time is now here to sow cowpeas, we wish to call the attention of our farmers or demonstration men to the importance of this crop, as set forth in the subjoined letter written and sent out for publication by Mr. C. R. Hudson, our State Agent of the Farmer's Co-operative Demonstration Work.

W. A. PETREE,
County Agent F. C. D. Work.

Again we desire to remind farmers of the importance of planting every available, cultivated acre to cowpeas.

They are valuable for the following reasons:

They are a fairly good human food.

They are one of our most nutritious foods for stock.

They shade the soil during the hottest part of the summer, thus aiding in the formation of valuable nitrates.

If turned under, the vines add considerable fertility to the land.

The presence of decaying roots, stubble and vines in the soil helps to convert mineral substances into plant food.

If picked, the peas alone are worth from eight to twelve dollars per acre.

The vines that grow on an acre are worth from six to ten dollars for stock food.

Through their roots peas put into the soil from four to six dollars worth of nitrogen per acre. Most of our unprofitable soils are lacking in this substance.

The vines, roots and stubble help to make the soil loose and easily cultivated.

They also absorb and retain moisture that will aid the next crop to go through a drought easily.

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Peas feed strongly upon the supply of potash and phosphoric acid, therefore these substances should be supplied to them. Many crops fail for lack of acid and potash.

The price of peas is high, but this does not keep the wise farmer from planting them. He is thinking of the ten dollars in value he is to receive later for every dollar invested in them now.

Let no farmer neglect to plant abundantly of this important crop. Plant some for hay; plant some on poor land for turning under; plant some for grazing by horses, cows, hogs and other farm stock; and by all means plant and cultivate a few acres from which to obtain seed peas for next year's planting. Then you will rejoice if the price is high.

Plenty of cowpeas on the farm make loose, fertile land, strong fine stock and contented, prosperous farmers.

C. R. HUDSON,
State Agent F. C. D. Work.

From Anna King.

Westfield, June 6.

Dear Mr. Editor:

Here comes another little girl to join your happy band. I sure do like to read the dear old Reporter. Hello, Miss Phebe, what are you doing for fun since your school closed? I am at my uncle's tonight, and am having a good time.

I am 13 years old, and weigh 99 pounds.

Your little friend,
ANNA KING.

OUT FOR THE HOUSE

JOHN HENRY FAGG IN FIGHT

Announcement Of the Wet Gentleman From Peter's Creek—His Platform "More Licker and Better Licker," Repeal Of the Homestead Law and Anti-Trust.

The Hon. John Henry Fagg, of Peter's Creek township, was in town Friday making announcement of his candidacy for a seat in the next legislature from Stokes. The strongest plank in Mr. Fagg's platform is "More Licker and Better Licker." Be it understood that he is emphatically and unequivocally wet, from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet. But while being in favor of the unrestricted manufacture and sale of intoxicants, Mr. Fagg would enact rigid laws governing its use. For instance any person who gets drunk and renders himself obnoxious, should be fined \$100.00.

Other cardinal principles in Mr. Fagg's creed are "repeal of the homestead exemption law" and "down with the trusts." A law that prohibits an honest poor man from procuring credit because a creditor can't realize his debt in the case of the debtor's failure from any cause to pay, ought to be blotted off the statute books. The trusts and combinations of predatory wealth are sucking the life blood of the country, while the farmer who produces the wealth is pushed to make buckle and tongue meet, therefore the combination should be dissolved by law.

Mr. Fagg will ally himself with no particular party, but will solicit the votes of persons of all parties who are in favor of the principles which he advocates. He will be the candidate of the pee-pul. He is the ideal candidate for local self-government.

Pilot Mt. Route 3.

Pilot Mt., Route 3, June 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Burge visited at Mr. L. M. Dodson's Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashburn visited their sister Sunday, Mrs. M. T. Childress.

Messrs. Lacy Fulk and Claud Jones visited at Mr. S. F. Pell's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Walker visited Mrs. Walker's parents last Sunday.

Mr. L. T. Adams and family visited at Mr. Gwyn's Sunday.

Miss Mary Burge visited Miss Lucy Bennett Sunday.

Mr. Tom Burge attended preaching at Stony Creek last Sunday.

Mr. Tom Childress' baby died the 14th, and was buried the 16 at the Quaker church.

Rev. Joe Simmons will fill his appointment at Sulphur Springs Saturday night and Sunday. Let everybody come and hear him.

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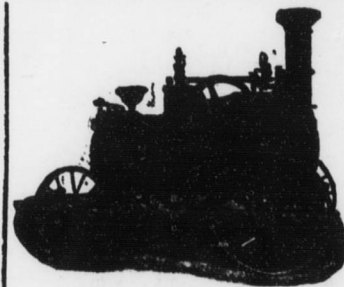
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