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FARMING IN STOKES.

There is a scarcity of land in Stokes county that will not bear improvement. In many sections the soil is naturally fine for the production of tobacco, wheat and corn--the great staples of this region. Several years ago a great destruction of forest and soil obtained in many neighborhoods. Sawmills razed the timber, while the tobacco-crazed farmers slew the virgin forests, burning millions of feet of lumber. That was when tobacco sold well, and timber was low. Now, tobacco is low and timber is high, and a greater conservation of our natural resources is practiced. In many neighborhoods old fields have been reclaimed. Many readers of the Reporter will recall the desolate stretches of waste land that only a few years ago lay between Blackburn's and Walnut Cove. Then \$5.00 per acre, we opine, would have been considered a big price for it. Today under the economical hand of Mr. A. J. Fair, that same land could hardly be bought for \$40 per acre. The gullies have disappeared, the wagon ruts have turned back into the public road, and instead of great barren scopes, the eye of the passing traveler is greeted with beautiful fields of corn, tobacco or grain.

Demonstration work under the leadership of Petree and Ross is accomplishing great things in Stokes. Ten or fifteen bushels of corn to the acre ten years ago was considered good on upland. Demonstration has increased the yield as high as seventy-five or eighty.

The people are learning more and more about farming, but they are not taking on to the new way nearly as fast as they should. The government experts say that a boy can grow more corn on an acre than a man. This sounds strange, but is true. The reason is that the men are self-opinionated, while the boys are willing to learn. Many a man will refuse to increase his yield because he is not willing to admit that somebody else knows more about it than he does. The results obtained by the government are after many years of experimenting at the cost of many thousand dollars. Why should not we reap of these benefits.

We have a number of farmers who are making 30 bushels of wheat to the acre. This sounds mighty good beside the 8 or 10-bushel-to-the-acre plan. But 30 bushels is not nearly enough. In many parts of Europe, on land that has been in cultivation for thousands of years, farmers produce 60 bushels of wheat per acre. Their soil is naturally not a bit superior to the Stokes land. They learn how to prepare land, and then prepare it. It will pay every farmer to study his soils, to read and keep himself posted on advanced methods of farming, and to get out of the old way, which often is carried on at a loss instead of a profit.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS ITEMS

Mr. John W. Baker, of Meadows Route 1, was here today. Mr. Baker is in very poor health at present, we are sorry to know, and we hope he will soon recover.

Minnie, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. John Ab Coon, of Patrick county, Va., died last week of diphtheria. The burial took place at the Ellis graveyard Thursday.

Mr. Chas. R. Helsabeck, of Rural Hall, was here today on business and paid the Reporter office a pleasant call. Mr. Helsabeck, who is a recently-fledged young attorney, has located at Rural Hall for the practice of his profession, and will make his mark.

Rocking Chairs. Boyles Mercantile Co.

144 MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Issued During the Past Fiscal Year By the Register of Deeds--The Average Is About One Hundred and Fifty-Six.

Register of Deeds Dr. W. C. Slate issued during the past fiscal year, ending Dec. 1st, one hundred and fifty-four marriage licenses. This is somewhat below the usual number, which averages about one hundred and fifty-six.

During the few past days licenses have been issued to the following couples: Martin Brown, Jr., to Miss Dora Lawson. Wm. M. Priddy to Miss Mary Reid. Thos. D. Tuttle to Miss Sallie V. Cumbie.

For Sale--I have 30 fine pure bred Berkshire pigs. Price \$3.00 to \$5.00.

S. C. HILL, Germantown, N. C.

Bed pans for sick people. Boyles Mercantile Co.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

People Busy With Corn Shuckings, Hog Killings, and Weddings--Marriage of Mr. Will Priddy and Miss Mary Reid--A Rabbit Knocks Out a Dog.

Danbury Route 1, Dec. 4.--The farmers are busy getting ready for Christmas. Corn shuckings, hog-killings and weddings are the order of the day. Many big porkers are being slaughtered, and there is more meat raised than for many years before.

Married, on Nov. 24, Mr. Willie Priddy, of Rural Hall, to Miss Mary Reid, of this neighborhood. Miss Reid is the daughter of Mr. J. F. Reid, and Mr. Priddy is the son of Mr. Geo. Priddy, of Rural Hall. We wish the couple much success.

Mr. J. J. Priddy, who has been sick with grip, is improving.

A funny thing happened at Hartman's store today. Jim Tilley's dog jumped a rabbit out in the field, and the rabbit rushed right through Mrs. Hartman's yard, running clear over Hint Mabe's dog, and knocking it down. The dog got out of the way, and the rabbit escaped.

KILLING HOGS AND SHUCKING CORN.

Mr. A. S. Marsh Makes Fine Crop of Corn--People Posting their Land--Other News of Oak Grove.

Oak Grove, Dec. 4.--Killing hogs and shucking corn is all the go in this section at this writing.

We learn that the Mt. Olive school is progressing nicely under the management of Mr. C. W. Hutchins, of King, and Miss Effie Gentry, of King Route 2. They have on roll 96, while the average attendance is 63.

Mr. Samra Smith, of Mars Hill College, made a visit to his parents on King Route 2, last Sunday. He preached a good sermon on Sunday at Olive Grove Baptist church. He is attending the Baptist convention at Winston, and will go from there to Mars Hill.

Mr. A. S. Marsh, of Pinnacle Route 2, killed two fine porkers last week that kicked the beam at 410 and 411 pounds each. He also made a fine corn crop of about 520 bushels, notwithstanding the fact that his corn was badly damaged by the hail. Mr. Marsh makes a lot more feed than he can consume and he just lets his friends come and haul off his shucks.

As the weather is so cool there is not much visiting around here. "Prohibition" is making its appearance as usual and the people are drinking all the whiskey they can get and eating pumping pie.

We learn that some of our friends and neighbors have posted their lands and if a lot more would do the same I think it would lessen the danger to the traveling public, and there would be a lot more hands for work. It seems dangerous sometimes to be out with a wild team.

SCRIBBLER.

News Of Pine Hall.

Pine Hall, Dec. 2.--Corn shuckings are all the go in this section.

There are being some fine porkers killed in this section. Mr. Melvin Flinn killed one which weighed 464, and Mr. Wallace Flinn, also of Dillard, one which weighed 414.

Miss Eliza Flinn, who has been visiting her sister at Winston, returned to her home on Walnut Cove Route 5 yesterday. Y. M. C.

WANTED--A FARM--I would like to buy a farm in Stokes county, anywhere from 40 to 150 or 200 acres. If you have anything in this line to sell, write me at once. Box X, Danbury, N. C.

Sausage Mills. Boyles Mercantile Co.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator upon the estate of W. K. Thore, deceased, all persons owing said estate are hereby notified to come forward and make immediate settlement of the same, and all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me for payment on or before the 20th day of Nov., 1912, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This Nov. 8, 1911.

J. E. THORE, Adm. of W. K. Thore, dec'd. Address me in care of the Exchange Hotel, Montgomery, Ala.

Shoes Shoes Shoes of All Kinds

BIG LOT OF HOME-MADE AND TOUGH HIDE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. SEVERAL HUNDRED PAIR TO SELECT FROM. ALL NEW GOODS.

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ONE SOLID MONTH OF UNMATCHABLE BARGAINS.

All Of Our Mammoth Stock of Good, Seasonable, Choice, New Merchandise Must Go During this Sale at Prices Never Before Heard of in the History of Walnut Cove or Stokes County.

During this sale we will sell \$8.50 Men's Suits for \$5.20; \$12.00 Men's Suits for \$8.10; \$15.00 Men's Suits for \$9.80; \$22.00 Men's Suits for \$14.00.

All kinds of Ladies' Dress Goods at from 25 to 33 per cent. less than the regular price.

Men's, Women's, Boys' and Misses' Overcoats from 33 1-3 to 50 per cent. lower than the regular price.

Men's, Women's and Children's Underwear at greatly reduced prices. Hats, Caps and all kinds of Headwear at 25 per cent. discount. Sweaters, Petticoats and all kinds of Hosiery at greatly reduced prices.

In fact, we will sell everything in our store at prices away below the regular price.

Come to see us during this sale, for we will save you money on any article you may want. SALE BEGINS AT EIGHT O'CLOCK A. M.

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Walnut Cove, N. C.