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STOKES FARMERS URGED TO ATTEND

Convention For Farmers and Farm Women At State College In Raleigh July 28 to Aug. 1—An Elaborate Program.

It is hoped that a large delegation of farm men and women of Stokes county will attend the State Farmer's and Farm Women's Convention at Raleigh July 28th to August 1. The most comprehensive program in the history of the convention has been arranged for next week. The actual program begins at 8:00 A. M., Tuesday July 29, however for the benefit of those who go early there will be free movies on the campus at State College at 8:00 P. M., July 28th. The dormitories at State College will be opened to the visitors free of charge, and the cost of meals will not exceed 50 cents each. Those planning to stay in the college dormitories should carry bed linen and all necessary toilet articles, including towels.

County Agent J. E. Trevathan plans to attend the convention and will leave Walnut Cove about 2:00 P. M. Monday, July 28, and will return Thursday afternoon, July 31. Those who wish to go along with the county agent should communicate with J. E. Trevathan, Walnut Cove, N. C., as soon as possible.

Some Important Features of Program.

Agricultural Engineering: Important problems under this heading will be discussed each morning of the convention from 8:00 to 9:25 A. M.

Agronomy: An extensive program has been arranged covering the study of tobacco, hay, pasture, and grain crops on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday both morning and afternoon.

Swine, Sheep and Beef Cattle: With Swine receiving major emphasis these topics will be discussed each morning, beginning at eight o'clock.

Dairy: Feeding problems Tuesday, record keeping Wednesday and raising the dairy calf Thursday will be the chief topics of discussion beginning at 8:00 A. M. each day.

Agricultural Economics: Such problems as marketing, taxation, and cost records for farmers will be discussed each morning.

Entomology and Bee Keeping: These discussions will cover general crop and household insects on Tuesday, cotton insects on Wednesday, Mexican bean beetle and other truck and fruit insects on Thursday, tobacco insects on Friday morning 8:00 A. M.

Bees: Fall management and marketing the money crop will

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WALNUT COVE MAN SEVERELY BURNED

Came In Contact With Live Wire While Repairing Telephone Line—Boys In Camp.

Walnut Cove, July 23.—A fireman of the Lee Telephone Co. in making some repairs on the telephone line in Walnut Cove came in contact with a live wire and had a narrow escape from electrocution. He was burned severely but recovered in a short time.

A party of fourteen boys from the Episcopal Sunday School are spending the week at Saura Lodge. Rev. D. W. Allen and Carl Ray are Councilors and a regular camp routine is carried out each day.

Mrs. Anne Carter and little daughter, Anne Hollingsworth, Jean Fulton, small daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Fulton, and Miss Alice Fulton are spending awhile at Wrightsville Beach.

Mrs. Frank Petree is recuperating nicely from her recent operation at a Winston-Salem hospital.

Misses Johnnie Graham and Nonie Dell Lovin have returned to their homes at Red Springs after a visit with Mrs. Leake Loving. They were accompanied by Miss Frances Fulton who will be their guest several days.

Miss Thelma Rothrock is visiting Miss Margaret Davis at Martinsville, Va.

Joe Helsabeck, little son of Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Helsabeck, has returned from a two week's stay at Camp Hanes.

Dr. J. W. Neal and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sanders were here from Monroe this week visiting the family of Dr. J. W. Neal.

Misses Essie and Annie Lee Allen, of Winston-Salem, visited Mrs. H. H. Davis a few days the past week.

Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Blackburn announce the arrival of a daughter last Friday. She has been named Betty Jane.

Miss Eula Tuttle has returned home from a session of summer school at N. C. C. W.

Miss Ruth Hairston, of Coalamie, and Miss Essie Mears are spending some time at Sauratown Manor, Miss Hairston's home on Dan River.

Mrs. Maude Mocre and young son, Robert Fulton Hegue, of Greensboro, are visiting Mrs. D. W. Allen. Robert joined the party of boys at the Episcopal church camp at Saura Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fulton, Miss Helen Fulton and Gilmer Sparger are leaving Thursday by automobile for a few days stay at Atlantic City and New York.

Mrs. George Sparger and daughters, Misses Elizabeth and Caroline Sparger, of Baltimore, Md., were here today en route to Mt. Airy to visit relatives.

CHURCH NEWS IN STOKES

Revival By Mrs. Steidly Was Successful—Services Begin At Davis Chapel July 27—Quarterly Conference August 2—Revival Begins At Danbury Aug. 10.—New Bell For Vade Mecum Church.

The revival under Mrs. Steidly at Bethesda Methodist church was a success, with over twenty professions and reclamations. Fourteen of these joined Bethesda Methodist church and two joined Shady Grove Baptist church. We believe that the church's spiritual life has been strengthened.

The revival of Davis Chapel Methodist church, with preaching by Rev. W. E. Poovey, Presiding Elder of the Mount Airy District, will commence Sunday night at 8 o'clock, July 27. Rev. Mr. Poovey is a preacher of enormous spiritual power and speaking ability, popular in both country and city appointments, having served a long time in country appointments as well as in large city churches. He was at one time a teacher in Davenport College. On Friday and Saturday nights of this week, the pastor, Ellsworth Hartsfield, will preach.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of Danbury Methodist Circuit will meet at Davis Chapel, 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. Saturday, August 2, with Rev. W. E. Poovey in the chair. Election of officers for next Conference year.

The Danbury Methodist revival begins Sunday night, Aug. 10, at 8 o'clock. The pastor will preach every night the first week. On Sunday, August 17, the Billy Sunday Club of Winston-Salem, will start the second week's series of services, and will conduct the services for a week.

A bell has been placed on Vade Mecum Methodist church. It is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Talley of Vade Mecum.

R. F. King Pardoned

R. F. King, who was sentenced at May term, 1929, of Stokes Superior Court, to serve four years in the State prison, has been pardoned by the Governor, and will return to his home in Stokes county this week. King had served about 14 months of his sentence.

Florida Doubles In Population

Florida more than doubled her population in the last decade, the increase being 51.6 per cent according to the census figures released the past week. The population today is 1,468,635 according to complete returns from the 67 counties.

THE SWEET POTATO CROP

Lawrence MacRae Gives Some Interesting Figures On This Important Vegetable.

During the year 1929 the United States produced 84,661,000 bushels of sweet potatoes, averaging 103 bushels per acre, and received an average of 94.5 cents per bushel.

Of the above production North Carolina in 1929 produced close to one-ninth or 11.5 per cent of all the sweets produced in this country and received an average of 90 cents per bushel with an average production of one hundred and seventeen bushels per acre, topping the U. S. average by 14 bushels per acre, or by the sum of \$12.60 per acre. Not a bad record.

During the same year Stokes county also raised some sweet potatoes. Out of her 731 acres, our planters took 70,907 bushels, and realized an average price of 95 cents a bushel. Our yield per acre could be improved upon, being only 97 bushels, while Chowan county lead by producing 134 bushels per acre, and Wilkes county trailed the hundred counties with 81 bushels per acre and the whole State averaged 118 bushels per acre, with an average price of 88 cents per bushel, or an average return of \$104.00 per acre.

Stokes county sweet potato growers in 1929 produced under government estimate a crop which was equivalent to \$67,362.00 with no provisions for curing and storing this great edible crop, except the crude methods practiced by past generations, and on account of the inefficiency of these methods a tremendous loss was sustained amounting to probably half of the entire crop, or over thirty thousand dollars, or about a dollar and fifty cents per resident of Stokes county, lost to the growers of the county.

I am inviting your attention to these figures and facts at this season to stir your interest in preparing and fortifying yourselves against continued loss in one of our county's important crops, which protects the owner against hunger and want, also his family and his live stock and fowls. All forms of animal life can live and thrive off of this nutritious and palatable vegetable raw or cooked.

LAWRENCE MACRAE.

The Confederate veterans of North Carolina will hold their annual reunion in Winston-Salem September 23-25. General W. A. Smith, of Ansonville, is commander-in-chief of the organization in the State. The state reunion was held in that city five or six years ago.

NEWSY LETTER FROM KING

R. C. White Will Build Ball Park—Young Man Loses An Arm—Curing Tobacco—A Death At Tobaccoville—Many Births Recorded.

King, July 23.—R. C. White is preparing to build a ball park here. The grounds will be fenced and will contain about three acres in the inclosure.

Mrs. R. E. Savage and children have returned to their home in Richmond, Va., after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Edwards here. Mr. John H. Sprinkle and family, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Leake.

The King Tigers defeated Pilot Mountain in a game played on the Pilot diamond Wednesday. The final score stood sixteen and eight.

The following births were registered here last week: To Mr. and Mrs. Korman Tuttle a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hall a son; to Mr. and Mrs. G. Ross Meadows a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Burrow a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Roma Dorsett a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Mitchell a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Venable a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Booth a son.

Charlie N. Boles, who was reared here and who resides in Monroe, Va., had the misfortune to get an arm cut off just below the elbow by a train last Thursday morning. Mr. Boles who had been with the Southern Railway for a number of years, held a position as car inspector at Monroe. He is a son of G. C. Boles of this place.

Nat Roberts, a planter residing in the Chestnut Grove section, paid a fine of \$10.00 and costs in Justice J. Stedman Garner's court here Thursday on a charge of being drunk and disorderly on the streets here.

E. L. Jessup and Edwin White, who reside near here have the distinction of having cured the first primings in this section. Mr. Jessup brought samples of his weed to town and seems to have made a fairly good cure.

S. S. Boles, of Danville, Va., spent the week-end here the guest of his father.

Mrs. William Long, aged 62, died at their home near Tobaccoville Saturday night following a short illness. The deceased is survived by the husband and several children. Funeral arrangements have not been completed at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Helsabeck, of Richmond, Va., are spending a few days with Mr. Helsabeck's brother, Dr. R. S. Helsabeck.

One of the best games of the season was played here Saturday when the King Tigers went up against the Oak Ridge crack nine. It was a very thrilling game and resulted in a score of two and one in favor of the Tigers.

The state highway force completed the work Saturday of putting down another coat of stone and oil on the highway between here and Pilot Mountain. The force is moving to Germantown where they will treat the road between Shropshire's store and Germantown.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Pulliam, of Gastonia, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Nowel Vest, of Charlotte, is spending a few days here the guest of relatives.

A Chrysler roadster with four men from Bannertown near Mount Airy as occupants, turned turtle on the Lakes to Florida highway three miles west of here Sunday afternoon. One man was named Simmons, names of the others were not

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NO INCREASE IN COUNTY TAXES

County Commissioners In Session Here Monday Fixed Rate Same As Last Year. \$1.66 On \$100 Valuation of Property.

At a special meeting of the board of county commissioners held here today for the purpose of fixing the tax rate for the current year, the board was able to hold the rate to the same figures as last year's rate, this being \$1.66 on the \$100 valuation of property.

Misses Slate Visit Relatives In Stokes

Misses Lenora, Frances and Verna Slate, of Washington, D. C., were pleasant visitors at the Reporter office Tuesday afternoon. They are daughters of F. A. Slate, a native Stokes citizen, who is now engaged in the newspaper business in several towns of the State.

Misses Slate, though very young, are experienced newspaper ladies. Just previous to the big labor strike at Marion they owned and operated the newspaper there, selling out and going to Washington just before the labor trouble started. Previously they were associated with their father in newspaper work in several towns of North Carolina. The ladies are practical printers, two of them being expert linotype operators while the other is versed in all the arts of the printing trade. At present the ladies are publishing a number of college newspapers for schools in and near Washington city.

Misses Slate were visitors of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith, at Meadows, this week and expect to return to Washington within a few days.

Fewer Autos in State Than Last Year

There are 12,154 fewer automobiles in North Carolina now than there were to date last year, according to records at the State Department of revenue which show 429,115 license plates for motor vehicles sold this year by the State. On the same date last year the State had licensed 441,269 motors.

The decrease in registration is attributed to the decrease in new cars sold in the State. The registration, however, shows a smaller decrease, indicating that cars which would have customarily been abandoned are being continued in use with new license plates this year.

James Venable, of the army medical center, Washington, D. C., arrived this week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Venable, of Danbury on a fifteen day furlough.