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SOIL IMPROVEMENT

Organic Matter Very Necessary in the Soil—Interesting Data on This Subject.

J. L. Burgess, agronomist in the department of agriculture of North Carolina, has issued the following data relative to the necessity of organic matter in the soil which will prove quite valuable to farmers of the State.

"The use of any leguminous crop in the treatment of poor lands the season is not advised. You will do well to get a good growth of rye on the land and in order to do this you may have to use one or two hundred pounds of some good grade of commercial fertilizer. Begin in the fall. If the land is rather heavy, break it as deeply as your teams can pull it but do not sub-soil. Sow a bushel and a half of rye per acre and use home grown seed if you can possibly get it, at any rate, get seed grown in North Carolina.

"In the spring, if the season is good and the rye is growing off nicely, it might be well to clip it when it first comes to head, in order to let it make a second growth. Your main object now is to secure a large amount of vegetable matter to be plowed under. Therefore, leave the clippings on the ground while the rye makes its second growth. When the second growth begins to bloom, run a heavy roller over the ground, follow this roller with a good sharp disc harrow, and disc the land until the rye is cut into bits. Then turn it under as deeply as your teams can pull it, provided the land is not too wet. The plowing should be about eight inches deep. After plowing, set the disc harrow at a slight angle and run over it another time in order to break clods and pulverize the surface. Let the land lie about a month and seed it to cowpeas, using if necessary, about one hundred pounds of acid phosphate to the acre. When the peas have made their growth, roll and run the disc harrow over them about twice; cut them to pieces and plow them under deeply and let the land lie until it is time to sow rye again. Sow rye and crimson clover after the peas. The following spring, treat the rye as you did before—clipping, rolling, discing, plowing. You should clip just before the crimson clover comes to a head, or, be sure not to clip the clover when you clip the rye. The second growth of rye is likely to come off about when the clover is ready to turn under. Then roll, disc, and plow as above directed. Now, wait for a good rain and disc the surface twice and prepare to plant corn.

"You have now worked this land one year without getting a crop—that is, you began last fall a year ago, planted it to crops this summer and fall, plowed them all under and this spring you are growing corn on a piece of land which perhaps has not been farmed in ten years, and you are going to get more corn off of it this year, in all probability, than you have been getting off of your best acres on other parts of the farm, and you will have done it all by deep plowing and green manuring, with the addition of a little cheap com-

mercial fertilizer. Your land is now brought up. The value has changed from say \$5.00 an acre to \$40 an acre for actual farming purposes."

A Country Teacher Who is a Real Heroine.

The Lexington, (N. C.) Dispatch told in a recent issue of one of the most touching and inspiring stories that we have read lately. It was about a young lady, a graduate of the State Normal School, and principal of one of the best schools in one of the most progressive counties in the State.

Her salary was a fine one and was climbing. She was doing splendid work, but she was not satisfied. She was born and reared in the mountains and felt that she was needed at home. That was why she was not satisfied. She said that she was going home and that she was going to devote her life to the service of the people of her own county.

"Going home" meant great loss to this young woman. It meant that she would have to work longer hours for about one-third of the salary she was getting. It meant giving up assured position and a place of commanding respect in the community, for service in a one-room schoolhouse in an obscure country district. It meant the giving up of a thousand things dear to the feminine heart, but she gave them all up gladly, willingly, even joyfully, for the sake of her people.

When told of the difficulties that she would encounter and the privations she must endure, she said: "You know how things are at home. You know how much trained teachers are needed. If we who love our county, her people and her traditions, do not help her in the hour of need, who will do it? I am going home."

The children in the little one-room schoolhouse to which that teacher went may have lacked many advantages, but we feel sure that there are thousands of children far more favored in many respects, who could afford to exchange much of equipment and convenience for a teacher with more of the spirit possessed by this young heroine of the mountains.

We believe with all our hearts in good schoolhouses, in progressive courses in study, in charts and pictures and libraries and school-room equipment; but more important than all of these is the spirit which inspires the teacher, and her fitness for the work she has undertaken. President Garfield said his idea of a college was a log with himself at one end and Mark Hopkins, his great teacher, at the other. So always and everywhere, the one thing of greatest importance in the training of the children is that they have a teacher who is interested in them and in the work of preparing them for life.

We believe that there are many teachers in little country schools who are bringing to their work as fine a spirit of devotion and consecration as could be found in any calling. Such men and women are among the real makers of the future, and as such deserve the earnest support and the active gratitude of those whom they so faith-

GREENLEE SCHOOL NEWS

Splendid Record for First Month—Baseball Game and Other Items of Interest.

Old Fort, R-1, Aug. 15.—The Greenlee school has finished one month of its work. The students seem to be very much interested. The report for the month is as follows: Enrollment high school 29; intermediate 37; primary 35. Average attendance 77.

Misses Belle and Pearl Dobson gave a party Tuesday night. Several games were played which were enjoyed by all.

The Greenlee boys played a game of baseball against Siloam Saturday afternoon. Greenlee won, 27 to 6. Another game will be played by these teams on the Greenlee school grounds the 26th.

A singing was given by Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Grant last Sunday. About twenty-eight were present.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Marsh are visiting their parents at their former home.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse, of Concord, are spending the summer with their brother, W. W. Stuart.

STUDENT.

Bridgewater News.

Bridgewater, Aug. 15.—Mrs. E. Geer and little daughter, Zelma, of Shelby, are here visiting Mrs. Geer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hemphill.

Little Louise Abernethy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Abernethy, has been ill for the past week.

Miss Pearl Gibbs, of Marion, is visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Tuesday evening Little Miss Nettie Hemphill gave a tacky party in honor of little Miss Mary Sweeny, of Marion. Many interesting games were played. Those present were Misses Ola and Una Jarrette, Marguerite and Charlotte Anthony, Tressie and Beesie Ballew and Lillie Hunter, Masters Bryan and Morrison Hemphill, Clifton Jarrette, Bert Hunter and Arthur Rust.

B. E. Martin made a business trip to Marion Tuesday.

Saturday evening the Misses Ballew entertained a few of their friends in honor of their guest, Miss Little, from Lenoir.

Miss Hattie Mae Ballew was shopping in Marion Friday.

Robert Seals spent Friday in Morganton.

Mrs. T. G. Cobb, of Morganton, is spending a few days here with relatives. J. H. Tate, of Marion, spent Saturday and Sunday here with home folks.

Estelle Seagle, little two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seagle, has a severe case of diphtheria.

Mrs. J. D. Adams has returned from the hospital at Rock Hill, S. C. She was accompanied by her husband and sister, Miss Kary Tate.

B. E. Martin and family spent Sunday in Lenoir.

Miss Pearl Tate, who is teaching near Old Fort, spent Saturday and Sunday here with home folks.

Mrs. P. A. Reid, of Marion, was the guest of Mrs. W. Lyerly last week.

Ice Cream Supper.

There will be an ice cream supper at Siloam schoolhouse on Saturday night, August the 19th, at 8 o'clock. Everybody invited. The proceeds will be used to purchase an organ for the Methodist church.

fully serve. If your community has such a teacher, see to it that you give her the most loyal support and the heartiest encouragement possible.

—Progressive Farmer.

See the Coronation Features at the Star Theatre to-night.

TEXTBOOKS ADOPTED

The Books the Children Will Study in the Public Schools.

Raleigh Dispatch to Greensboro News, 11th.

The progressives won the victory tonight in the adoption of textbooks for the first seven grades of the North Carolina public schools, when the five-year contract, dating from September 1, 1911, was announced by the textbook commission and subcommission. It is estimated that at least 75 per cent. of the books are changed, including the sweeping to the rear of Maury's geography.

The following books were adopted:

Spelling—Reed's primary speller and Reed's world lessons. Charles Merrill Company; Foust and Griffin's speller, re-adopted.

Defining—Webster's dictionary. American Book Company, re-adopted.

Reading—Howell primer, Howell & Company; Haliburton primer, D. C. Heath & Company; Howell's first reader. Howell & Company; graded classics book, one, two, three, re-adopted, B. F. Johnson Company; Barker Carpenter language readers, four and five, McMillan Company.

Writing—Old North State copybook, E. D. Berry & Company (only the vertical system of writing adopted.)

Drawing—Progressive lessons in art, education, the Prang Educational Company.

Language and grammar—Hyde's lessons in English, book 22, D. C. Heath & Company, re-adopted; grammar and composition, book 2, by Robbins & Rowe, published by Rowe, Peterson & Company; modern grammar, by Buchler, re-adopted, for use in grades above the seventh, Newson & Company.

North Carolina History—Hill's Young People's History of North Carolina, D. H. Hill, publisher, re-adopted; Connor's Makers of North Carolina History, recommended for supplementary work in primary grades.

Physiology and Hygiene—Ritchie-Caldwell Primer of Hygiene; Ritchie's Primer of Sanitation, World Book Company; Cullers' physiology, book 3, for use in grades above the seventh.

Civil government—Peele's Civil Government of North Carolina and United States, B. F. Johnson Publishing Company, re-adopted.

Agriculture—Agriculture for Beginners, Rurkett, Stevens and Hill, Ginn & Company, re-adopted.

Arithmetic—Mills' arithmetic, published by the American Book Company, which takes the place of Colaw and Elwood and Colaw and Duke's arithmetics, published by B. F. Johnson, which have been in use for the past five years.

Making Themselves Known.

"Persons who expect to receive money orders in a strange town take infinite precautions to identify themselves," said a postal clerk. "One way that particularly commends itself is for the stranger to call on the paying teller in the money order department before his own order arrives and present a bunch of correspondence showing pretty clearly who he is. He then explains that he is expecting a money order from a certain person. Can the clerk remember him when he presents it for payment? After that impressive introduction the clerk usually can remember, and when the order is presented he cashes it."—New York Sun.

NEWS OF THE STATE

Happenings of General Interest Condensed for Busy Readers.

A modern new passenger depot for the C. C. & O. Railway is just being completed at Altapass.

Round Hill School will open August 22. The opening address will be made by Hon. H. E. Flack at 11 a. m., August 22.

State Insurance Commissioner Young, who last week inspected the State Hospital at Morganton as to fire protection and escapes, declares this property by far the finest that the State owns and that it is in admirable condition.

In the recent election the location of the county seat in the new county of Avery, Old Fields of Toe won out by a good majority. The county seat will be called Newland, in honor of Lieutenant Governor W. C. Newland. The county commissioners will meet this week for the purpose of selecting the site for the court house.

Hon. Geo. H. Smathers, a prominent lawyer, of Waynesville, N. C., who was so seriously injured in the Majolica wreck on last Friday, and who is still confined at the Whitehead-Stokes sanatorium in Salisbury, has employed A. H. Price, Esq., an attorney of that city, to represent him in his claims against the railroad, and Mr. Price is making a thorough investigation of the wreck.

Chapel Hill Items.

Chapel Hill, August 15.—A crowd of Chapel Hill boys and girls took a straw ride to the show last Friday night.

Miss Florence Hunter was in Marion last Saturday.

Miss Mattie Hicks is home again from a visit to her sisters, Mrs. J. H. Balk, of Eton, Ga., and Mrs. W. D. Hart of Atlanta.

Miss Donnie McGimsey was the guest of the Misses Corpening last Saturday.

Mrs. G. P. Poteet is very low with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Mina Poteet and little son Edgar spent last Saturday night with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Poteet.

Miss Louise Yount spent last Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Lottie Bright, who is very ill.

Quite a number of Chapel Hill people attended the meeting at Glenwood last week.

Guy McGimsey of Linville made a trip to Chapel Hill Sunday.

Our hearts go out in sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. John England over the loss of their little son Willie, age twelve years, who died last Monday morning, August 14.

REDWING.

Catawba Valley Happenings.

Catawba Valley, August 14.—We are having glorious summer-time weather now.

Miss Dona Pendergrass of Ector is visiting friends and relatives here.

Rev. D. P. Lowdermilk filled his monthly appointment at Zion Hill Saturday and Sunday. He baptized five new converts Saturday afternoon.

Miss Bertha Padgett of Greenlee spent Saturday night with Miss Cordelia Erwin.

Miss Laura Pendergrass spent Saturday night with Miss Hattie Pendergrass. Miss Priscilla and Arvel Simpson attended the ice cream supper at Sugar Hill Saturday night.

Mrs. Etta Odum spent Saturday in Old Fort.

E. A. Pendergrass spent a few days with G. G. Morgan near Curfew during the week.

G. M. Annis of Nebo made a business trip here Monday.

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Remember the farmers' institute today.