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DEMONSTRATION WORK

Has Become a Power for Progressive Agriculture in North Carolina.

Secretary Wilson has received the following report on Demonstration Work of the Department in North Carolina.

Demonstration Work is only four years old in North Carolina, yet it has become a power there for progressive agriculture, and, through this, for the general uplift of the home-life of the farmer.

Many farmers, advanced in age, deplore the fact that Demonstration Work did not begin several decades ago so that they might live long enough to enjoy the fruits of its teachings, thereby reaping the benefits of more bountiful crops produced at a minimum cost of cash and labor. Many farmers who have been in the work one year state that as successful farmers they are only one year old.

The work is based upon sound, well-tried and essential principles, such as a deep soil, plenty of humus, improved seed, intensive cultivation, rotation of crops, etc. That the work is accomplishing the purpose for which it was designed, is shown in a number of ways. For instance the average yield of corn in North Carolina, for the past forty years has been a little less than fifteen bushels per acre. The yields under Demonstration methods were as follows: In 1908, 37 bushels per acre; in 1909, 40 bushels per acre, and in 1910 (4,361 acres) 43 bushels per acre. The records for 1911 are not complete yet, but will probably be greater than for 1910, notwithstanding the fact that a severe drought cut off the yield through the central part of the State.

The Demonstration Work stands for the growing on the farm everything needed there in the way of home supplies. The careful records kept in the work show that these can be grown for very much less than market prices. The matter, therefore, is an economic one.

The organization in North Carolina, at present, consists of a State Agent, two District Agents, fifty-one local agents and over three thousand farmers conducting demonstration plots averaging three acres each. The two largest demonstrations the past season were one of forty acres of corn that produced fifty bushels per acre and one of a hundred acres of cotton that grew a bale and a quarter of cotton per acre. The Demonstrators are supervised by the local agents who in turn are instructed by District and State Agents.

The Demonstration Work has hearty cooperation with the A. & M. College, the Farmers' Union and other progressive organizations. The State Department of Agriculture is now cooperating financially and otherwise. Local aid for the work for the present season amounts to \$15,000.00. This shows that the people are interested in the work.

Taken as a whole the outlook is very bright for reaching and influencing in a practical way the mass of farmers in the State.

During the last year 13,731,411 gallons of wine were imported into England.

Larger Sums Asked for in Damage Suit.

Asheville Citizen.

Amended complaints have been filed in the suits of Charles Buckner, Chapel Wyatt and Alpheus Woodfin Wheeler against the South & Western Railway company and the Carolina company.

The case of Charles Buckner against the defendant companies was heard in superior court at the last term, but was non-suited after the plaintiff finished introducing evidence. It was appealed to the supreme court and a new trial was granted. It was alleged that he was induced to leave Spartanburg, S. C., for McDowell county to work on the new railroad through that county. After staying there a while he was dissatisfied but before leaving, it is alleged, was taken from the lock-up and carried to the woods with a sack over his head and upon being stripped of his clothing was brutally beaten and thrown over an embankment. Damages in the sum of \$30,000 were asked for in the first complaint but the amended complaint asks for a judgement for \$75,000.

The other two boys, it is alleged, were subjected to the same treatment, Wyatt asking for a judgement for \$50,000 and Wheeler asks for \$60,000. The young men live in or near the northern part of Buncombe county, and are represented by Tucker & Lee and W. T. Morgan.

School Money Apportioned to Fifty Counties.

The State board of education has approved the apportionment of the second \$100,000 State appropriation to bring the school term in the weaker counties up to the four-months' term minimum, there being just 50 counties—half the counties in the State—entitled to this aid. There were 66 last year, when there was lacking \$30,000 for enough to meet the demands. This time all 50 counties get sufficient funds and there is about \$13,000 left out of the \$100,000. The decrease in the demand on the State appropriation is due to the increase from 18 to 20 cents in the State school tax and to the increase in tax valuation of property. So the revenue for the elementary schools this year will be greater by \$350,000 than any previous year.

The counties in this section of the State that have drawn on the appropriation are: Burke \$1422.76, McDowell \$591.00, Mitchell \$1,508.50, Yancey \$2,749.60.

Buncombe County Roosevelt Club.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 10.—A large number of the Republicans of the county assembled at the courthouse this afternoon and organized the Buncombe County Roosevelt Republican Club.

Vonno Gudger was elected president, and twenty-eight vice-presidents were elected, one for each voting precinct in the county. On March 14th, a branch club will be formed in each precinct with these as presidents and, on March 21st, another big rally of the club will be held here. The expressed object of the club is to promote the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt for President, as the members believe that he is the only man that can heal the rupture in the party in the South, caused by the administration of President Taft.

BRIDGEWATER DOWNS

New Public Road Opened on Muddy Creek—Movements of the People.

Bridgewater, Feb. 13.—Sheriff Berry, of Morganton, was at Bridgewater last week on business.

Misses Pearl, Kary and Pink Tate and Mrs. Wilfong Tate spent Friday with friends in Morganton.

Miss Ray and Clyde Brinkley, of Glen Alpine visited their grand parents several days last week.

Mrs. C. D. Hemphill was in Marion Friday.

L. Biddix of Marion was here this week on business.

W. Lysterly made a business trip to Greensboro last week.

Misses Florence and Nettie Hemphill of Glen Alpine spent the latter part of the week with home-folks here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hildebran visited the latter's parents several days last week.

Mr. William Haliburton of Morganton was here on business during the week.

W. J. Ballew of Marion visited a friend (?) here Tuesday night.

G. W. Taylor and Miss Rose Stacy, teachers of the graded school at Harmony Grove, are preparing for an entertainment at the close of their school, the 8th of March.

Miss Cordie Simmons has returned to Raleigh after a visit of several weeks here with her mother, Mrs. Anna Simmons. Miss Simmons is a graduated nurse and came home for a rest.

Mrs. Walter McGimpsey who lived near here died last week with measles. She leaves a husband and five small children. Mrs. McGimpsey was a daughter of Robert Gibbs of Linville.

Mrs. M. F. Tate was real sick during the week.

Paul Duckworth of near Morganton was here several days last week on business.

Rev. Richardson will hold services at Snow Hill on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock before his regular appointment the fourth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Flack of Gilkey, visited relatives here last week.

Miss Sadie Seals, who had an operation at Dr. Long's sanatorium several weeks ago, has improved greatly and returned to resume her work as nursing.

Miss Bessie Poole and her friend, Miss Pearl Thomason, of Linville, visited our school Friday.

Miss Annie Lewis visited friends at Rutherfordton, last week.

Robert Gibbs and Raymond Parker visited on the creek Thursday night.

We have been trying for some time to get a public road from Bridgewater up Muddy creek and have at last succeeded. There was one fourth mile of it in Burke county but was principally used by the people in McDowell. The citizens of Muddy creek agreed to build that one fourth mile, and D. L. Rust, the Burke county road supervisor accepted it and made it a public road. Now we have a good road from Bridgewater up Muddy creek. We are all proud of our new road. It has been needed so bad. BETTYE.

State News.

A Law and Order league was formed in Raleigh last week with a membership of 200. Thorough investigation of Raleigh's "title" to the search and seizure powers will be made at once.

Joe Roberson, who edits a paper at Wilksboro, it is stated will locate in Morganton and start another Democratic paper there. It is also currently reported that C. F. McKesson will, in a few weeks, launch a Republican paper.

The Second Annual Convention of the North Carolina Forestry Association is to be held in Raleigh, N. C., on Wednesday, February 21, 1912. Many prominent men have been invited to address the meeting on the various phases of this great subject, and a very interesting and instructive time is expected.

Morganton Herald: Fire destroyed a dwelling house owned by Mr. John F. Woodward and occupied by Mr. Will Wall, near the State Hospital, Sunday evening, 4th. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue. Mr. Wall lost several household articles besides \$17 in money. The house was insured for \$150.

It is stated on what is regarded as reliable authority that at the next session of the Henderson county grand jury which opens March 1, there will be presented new evidence in connection with the Myrtle Hawkins case. It is also stated that the hands of the law will fall in other places than those now suspected and developments of a startling nature are confidently expected.—Asheville Citizen.

The young men of Morganton have organized a most promising Young Men's Christian association, with John M. Wall, an attorney, as president; Ed Kirksey, vice-president, and J. D. Bowman, secretary-treasurer. Nearly \$500 was contributed by the citizens and the boys for getting in their gymnasium fixtures, carpets, books, magazines, papers and other essentials.

It is announced from Raleigh that the first of a chain of Kitchin clubs that it is expected will be organized in every section of the State in connection with the candidacy of Governor Kitchin for the United States Senate, was organized in Raleigh Friday night with an enrollment of about 400. The Governor will formally launch his candidacy in a public address in Raleigh this week.

Congressman Godwin, of the sixth congressional district, wants the Democratic State committee to provide for a primary election in his district to nominate a candidate for Congress. Mr. Godwin's desire for a primary is natural. In 1910 the politicians managed to manipulate the convention against him but he got a primary called and when he got before the people he won overwhelmingly.

Chief Postoffice Inspector Sharp reports that during 1911, 522 persons were indicted for mail order frauds. Of the 196 tried 184 were convicted, 12 acquitted, 177 await trial. 72 await grand-jury action. 28 were arrested but not indicted.

Dick Atwell is quite ill with pneumonia.

IN RUTHERFORD COURT

Lytton Gets Verdict Against Marion Mfg. Co. for \$1500—Other Matters.

SPECIAL TO MARION PROGRESS.

Rutherfordton, Feb. 12.—In the case of the State in re Corporation Commission vs the Southern and Seaboard Air Line Railways, for the erection and maintenance of an union passenger station, at or near the present site of the Seaboard station, tried in the Superior court here last week, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the railways.

It will be recalled that the corporation commission ordered that the Southern and Seaboard Railways build a union passenger station at a point between the present stations of these railroads, about one mile from town. The Seaboard did not fight the case, while the Southern filed its exception and it was carried to the Superior court, with result as above stated.

The jury returned a verdict for \$1500. in the case of John Lytton vs. the Marion Manufacturing Company, being the second trial. Lytton was asking for \$10,000 damage for the loss of an eye, as a result of an injury received while working for the said company in Marion. At the present time it is not known whether Lytton will take an appeal or not.

H. F. Little, superintendent of the Marion Manufacturing Company, was attending court here last week.

Attorney J. W. Pless, of the Marion bar, was among the visiting attorneys here last week.

W. M. Clay, an employe of the Marion Manufacturing Company, attended the Superior court here last week. GORDON.

Early, Alleged Leper, to Be Fenced In.

Tacoma, Wash., Dispatch: Shunted about from place to place as the result of the long government investigation to determine whether he was a leper, John R. Early, formerly of Washington, D. C., has been located at Summit, near here and will be fenced in on an acre of land.

The Pierce county commissioners decided to take this step following an investigation by the county physician. The land is the property which Early, before it was known that he was the one over whom the leper controversy took place, agreed to buy on installments. His wife and three small children are with him.

Have Good Appetite. The six elephant seals at the Aquarium consumed in the last month about a ton of food; to be exact, 7,981 pounds of codfish, herring and weakfish, or approximately ten pounds and a half for each daily. As might be expected of creatures with such appetites, the elephant seals are thriving and growing.—New York Sun.

No Excitement. "A man doesn't seem to take any pleasure in writing letters to a woman after he has married her," said Mrs. Gloomer. "No," replied Miss Cayenne; "he seems to lose all interest when there is no possibility of his letters being read to a jury."

Have you seen the dinner set The Progress offers as a premium? If not, come and examine the ware to-day. Think of it! A 42 piece set and The Progress one year for only \$4.00.