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Agricultural Extension Work Put on in This County—W. L. Smarr, County Agent.

The Cooperative Agricultural Extension work as conducted by the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering, the North Carolina State Department of Agriculture, the county, and the United States Department, cooperating, has been put on in this county. Mr. W. L. Smarr, a former county agent in Lincoln county has been appointed to fill the place and has already entered upon the duties of the work.

Mr. Smarr was born and reared on a York county farm in South Carolina. He is thoroughly familiar with the practical side of farming. He is a graduate of Clemson Agricultural College of South Carolina. Following graduation at Clemson, he taught agriculture in one of the Parish Agricultural Schools in Louisiana for two years. In 1915 he accepted the work as county agent in Agricultural Extension work in Lincoln county, this State, which place he filled for more than six years. During the past year Mr. Smarr has been county agent in Pender county. Many constructive agricultural projects have been successfully organized under Mr. Smarr's activities.

While in Lincoln county among the organizations perfected may be mentioned the Lincoln Cooperative Creamery, the Lincoln Cooperative Jersey Breeders Association (the first in the State), the Lincoln Cooperative Berkshire Breeders Association, the Lincoln Alfalfa Growers Association, the Lincoln County Community Clubs and Fairs, and the Lincoln County Fair Association. All of these organizations are alive and are a power in the agricultural development of the county.

Demonstrations in the use of lime in the growing of the clovers, alfalfa, vetch, and other winter and summer legumes were conducted in different parts of the county. As a result of these demonstrations thousands of acres of land have been limed and sown to the clovers, grasses, etc. As a result of this work, many acres are producing two ears of corn where only one grew before.

Modern Home Orchards were established in each of the townships where demonstrations were given in the setting, pruning, spraying and the proper care of the orchard. Many modern home orchards have been set and several small commercial orchards. More interest is being shown in the care of the orchards, and the farmers are finding it very profitable to spray and care for their trees.

Other phases of agricultural work which Mr. Smarr devoted a part of his time included terracing, drainage, silo construction, dairy barn construction, poultry houses, sweet potato storage houses, etc.

Lincoln county has ranked among the first in the work of the Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Clubs. There were an enrollment of about 200 each year. The members were taught better methods of growing more and better corn, pigs, and poultry. Many of the members have bank accounts as a result of this work.

While in Pender, Mr. Smarr put on demonstrations in the scientific feeding and fattening of hogs to be followed by cooperative shipment in car load lots. This work proved to be very popular because the old method of growing and marketing of hogs is out of date.

The growers of truck were organized into a cooperative truckers growers association for the growing and shipping of truck cooperatively. The truckers are receiving more for their products under this method. The products are being graded which demands a better price, and the cooperative feature eliminates many of the middle men, thus giving the truckers more for their products.

Mr. Smarr comes to us highly recommended. There is a great

work to be done in McDowell county. Our town and our county cannot expect to prosper when the agricultural conditions are not prosperous. Thousands of dollars are being sent out of the county annually for products which can be grown here at a profit. Our farmers should be organized in the production and the marketing of money crops, such as truck, grain, hay, hogs, cattle, poultry, fruit, etc. In order for the work to be a success, the people of the county must cooperate and help make the work worth while.

Mr. Smarr is meeting and getting acquainted with the people and the agricultural conditions of the county. As soon as a preliminary survey is made a meeting will be called at which time the problems of the county will be considered with the people and a plan of work arranged. The office of the county agent is at the court house with Mr. Ratliffe. Those who are interested are urged to call.

Call in and get acquainted with Mr. Smarr. Let's get lined up and help develop the agricultural possibilities of our county. If you have any agricultural problems on which you would like to secure Mr. Smarr's assistance, send for him.

SCHOOLS TO OPEN

MONDAY, JULY 24TH

Arrangements have been completed for the opening of a number of rural schools on next Monday, July 24th. Practically all the larger schools will not open until September. Those schools opening now are expected to operate continuously and the majority of them will do so. A small number may find it necessary to stop a few days during the fodder season.

Blank supplies of all kind are ready for distribution and teachers are expected to secure all necessary material this week, in order to have these furnishings on hand upon the opening of school.

A meeting of teachers will be held at the graded school next Friday morning at 10 o'clock, of all teachers whose schools will open on Monday, when they will be instructed as to the work for the coming year.

New text-books have been adopted in a number of subjects. The new books will be handled by J. D. Blanton in the regular way. Mr. Blanton has sent in his order for the new books and hopes to have them on sale next week. It is expected that the new books will be purchased and put into use during the present year. In a few cases the old books will be used. The Free & Treadwell series of readers were re-adopted as co-basal for the first three grades. In the upper grammar grades this series of books will be used as supplementary. When the primary books have been completed in the lower grades the other co-basal book to be used is The Child's World, published by the B. F. Johnson & Co. In the upper grades a number of supplementary books were adopted but the basal for the grammar grades is Studies in Reading. Teachers are urged to see that the children get the new books as early as possible, in order that there be no time lost.

Plans for enforcing the attendance law have been completed. The law will be rigidly enforced this year. Teachers are expected to get the names of every child in the respective districts and upon failure of those within compulsory ages to enter school they are expected to promptly notify the attendance officer who will investigate every case of non-attendance. Every child between the ages of 7 and 14 is required to attend school unless provisionally hindered. Parents and guardians who violate the attendance law may expect to answer for their failure to observe this law.

Spend your money with your home merchants. They help pay the taxes, keep up the schools, build roads, and make this community worth while. You will find the advertising of the best ones in The Progress.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell—Items About Home People.

OLD FORT

Old Fort, July 18.—Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Taylor have returned from Birmingham, Ala., and will make their home here.

Mrs. John Cannon and two children have returned home after a week's visit to relatives at Democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee White left Sunday for Converse, S. C., where they will visit Mrs. White's parents.

J. O. McDaniel made a business trip to Marion Tuesday.

Misses Nannie Nichols and Estelle Lavender were in Marion shopping Monday.

T. Y. Lytle of Marion is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Robert Hunter of Asheville is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Graham.

A. A. Sawyer and son, Carrol, are visiting relatives at Democrat.

Ed. Burgin of Johnson City, Tenn., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Johnson.

Clarence Mackey of Greenlee spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. James Burgin.

Mrs. G. W. Sandlin spent Monday in Asheville.

Miss Thelma Grant spent Saturday in Asheville.

Mrs. Hudgins left Saturday for Akron, Ohio, where she will spend sometime with her son, Beacher Hudgins.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Silver spent the week-end with friends on Curtis creek.

D. W. Adams has his power plant at the Catawba Falls in operation and is now furnishing power for Ridgecrest and Black Mountain.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl, July 16, a son.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, July 18.—Mrs. J. F. Landis and little daughter, Marguerite, of Lexington, were visitors here last week.

James Goforth and Key Landis were in Marion Wednesday.

Joseph, Curtis and Melvin Hutchins of Union Mills, were here last week.

Mrs. Crawford Ladis and little daughter of Detroit, Mich., are visiting relatives here.

E. P. Denton, John Daves and Edward Cowan attended court in Marion last week.

Miss Jetty Hutchins of Union Mills was here last week.

Miss Etta Walker was in Marion Wednesday.

Mrs. Charles Laughridge and children of Shelby are visiting relatives here.

Georgie Landis, who has been ill several days, is improving.

Gordon Landis spent the first of the week with relatives in Marion.

Claud Laughridge of Marion was here Sunday.

T. B. Landis, Ned Jaquins, Arnold and Frank Cowan, Thomas Glass, Edwin and Ray Landis were in Marion Saturday.

Robert Laughridge and children of Salisbury are visiting relatives here.

Miss Birdie Laughridge of Marion was here Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Dorothy and Pauline Satterwhite spent the latter part of the week in Marion.

Ben Landis was in Glen Alpine Saturday.

Miss Grace Cowan of Marion was here Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Laughridge and children of Marion spent part of last week with relatives here.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, July 17.—Rev. W. L. Dawson, Jr., assisted by his father, W. L. Dawson held a series of meetings at Bethlehem last week. They will begin a meeting at Bethel church Sunday, July 23. Everybody invited to attend the services.

Mrs. J. F. Turner and little son

visited relatives in Marion the latter part of the week.

Jonas Gibson of Arden is visiting his daughter, Mrs. John Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Roberson, Mrs. John Ross and Miss Julia Ross and Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Roberson made a trip to Mt. Mitchell last week.

Herbert Fowler of South Carolina, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Davis of Gastonia have been visiting relatives here for the past week.

Misses Pearl, Rose and Helen Turner, Robert Pyatt and Carl Morris motored to Bridgewater Wednesday.

Allie and Alfred Lavender made a business trip to Marion, Saturday.

Floyd Noblitt of New Mexico, who has been visiting his mother for the past few weeks, returned to the west Monday.

Ed. Davis of Marion spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mrs. Joe Kanipe and Misses Millie and Bula Kanipe of Old Fort were guests of Mrs. A. W. Parker last Monday.

Alonzo Davis and Roy Noblitt of Old Fort spent Friday and Saturday on the creek.

Misses Addie and Rosa Lavender spent Saturday night and Sunday with Misses Alma and Annie Lavender.

CATAWBA VALLEY.

Old Fort, Rt. 1, July 17.—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Scruggs of Cliffside were visitors at the latter's mother, Mrs. S. C. Kelley, last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. T. A. Porter and two daughters, Nell and Margaret, spent the week-end at Glenwood.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Allison, July 9, a son.

Leon and Jake Silver were in Marion on business last week.

T. H. Allison of Roseman is home for a few days.

Mrs. M. M. Grant of Greenlee spent yesterday with her daughter, Mrs. Joe Moody.

Mr. and Mrs. Lat Wilson announce the birth of a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, July 10.

E. W. Griffin and son, David, attended court in Marion last week.

Willie Mae Carr returned Saturday from Cliffside where she has been visiting relatives for a few days.

Chas. Parker and Wm. Nichols made a pleasant trip to Toe River last week.

ASHFORD

Ashford, July 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Rom Avery and little son, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Avery of Avery motored to Granite Falls last Monday.

Chas. Pyatt has moved to Altamont.

Ray McCall spent the week-end with friends at Spruce Pine.

H. S. Brown made a business trip to Marion Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Lonon motored to Marion Tuesday.

J. M. Carpenter and little son, Joe Allen, went to Statesville this week.

Miss Beatrice Brown of Morganton spent the week-end with homefolks here.

The revival meeting came to a close last Sunday night.

CURFEW

Curfew, July 11.—Miss Bell Morgan has returned home from Marion to spend the summer with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Parker spent Saturday in Marion.

Pearl Lail of Marion spent last week with her sister, Mrs. John Reel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Reel and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Parker on Crooked Creek.

Mrs. G. W. Parker spent Saturday in Marion shopping.

Mrs. M. A. Parker and children spent Sunday at the home of Joe Alfred on Crooked Creek.

Miss Pearl Parker, who has been visiting relatives in this section, has returned to her home in Inman, S. C.

MONTFORD'S COVE.

Union Mills, July 11.—The people

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Salisbury.—During the month of June births more than doubled deaths in Salisbury and Rowan county. There were 52 births and 22 deaths reported.

Clinton.—The Clinton school district has voted a sixty-thousand dollar bond issue for the erection of a high school building. Very few votes were cast against the proposition.

Salisbury.—Rowan's first road mile is taking place, there being 4,000 pounds in the lot. The work was recently graded by representatives of the state and national bureaus.

Lincolnton.—County Agent Morrison announces that the annual joint picnic of the Farmers' Union and the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Lincoln county will be held August 22, at St. Matthews camp grounds.

Belmont.—The Piedmont Telephone company has installed a new telephone exchange in the telephone office at Belmont. This is a new Kellie improved switchboard which has been badly needed here for some time, as the town has entirely outgrown the phone capacity of the old switchboard.

Newton.—Following a terrible fire on the part of an element of youngsters, Newton school district voted \$200,000 in bonds for new school buildings, thereby taking her place along with other progressive towns in North Carolina that are endeavoring to educate and train the future citizens of the state.

Henderson.—For the first time in two years the Vance county jail is absolutely without a guest. For days the bastille has stood with gates ajar, denying liberty to no one and withholding freedom from not a single offender of the public statutes.

Kinston.—Seventeen pigs are showing the affection of one sow on the farm of P. S. B. Harper, near Kinston. The family is doing well. The owner believes the little constitutes a record. Sixteen in a litter was the previous record for this section, as far as Mr. Harper has been able to learn.

Fayetteville.—The 115th Field Artillery, 500 strong, is established in the National Guard training area at Camp Bragg for two weeks of intensive field training. The regiment, known as the Savannah unit of the Georgia National Guard, comprises twenty officers and an enlisted personnel of 475 men.

Taylorsville.—The Alexander county summer school is in session at the graded school building, with Horace Sisk, who will assume a position as teacher at North Wilkesboro this coming term, as director and Miss Mary Wall, of Pee Dee, as Miss Katie Jordan, of Durham, as teacher.

of Montford's Cove and surrounding districts will hold an election to vote for a consolidated school on August 5th.

Mrs. Cora Nichols spent last week in Marion. While there she attended a birthday dinner for her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Nichols, given July 15th at the home of the latter's son, Casser Nichols.

J. C. Crawford is visiting his sister, Mrs. C. M. Hall.

E. W. Flack was called last week to the bedside of his father, James Flack, of Union Mills, who is very sick.

Quite a number of folks from here attended the 4th of July celebration at Rutherfordton and report a good time.

Miss Floy Williams has accepted a position at Blowing Rock.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gillett, a daughter.

John Curtis and Mrs. Curtis Williams of Rutherfordton and Miss Mira, Lizzie and Mary Willie Williams of Uree, were guests at J. P. Williams' yesterday.