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### OUR FARMERS' CLUBS.

What our Farmers are Doing and How the Work of Organizing is Progressing.

RURAL HALL, N. C., }  
March 5th, 1887. }

**EDITOR PROGRESSIVE FARMER.**—According to a short notice the farmers met at Rural Hall this evening for the purpose of organizing. The weather being very unfavorable but few were present. However, they resolved to organize and thus set the club on permanent footing. Temporary meetings have been held several times previous.

On motion of Mr. H. T. Loggins, Mr. B. L. Bitting was called to the chair. He then announced the election of officers in order. A vote being taken the following officers were chosen:

B. L. Bitting—President.  
R. L. Cox—Vice-President.  
H. T. Loggins—Treasurer.  
S. S. Flynt—Secretary.

The constitution (except the clause appertaining to admission of members) and By-Laws of the PROGRESSIVE FARMER were, on motion, adopted.

On motion, it was decided to meet at Rural Hall, on Saturday the 19th, at 1 o'clock, p. m. The subject of Fertilizers is to be discussed at the next meeting. A large increase in membership is then expected. All practical farmers are respectfully invited to attend. The address of the club is Rural Hall Club, No. 1, of Bethania Township.

S. S. FLYNT, Sec'y.

### MT. TABOR CLUB.

The last meeting held, March the 11th, 1887, was called to order by F. W. Pfaff, the President, at the usual hour.

We had very interesting discussions on the planting and raising of Irish potatoes.

Mr. Conley said we could raise as fine potatoes in this country as they raise in the North. It only required the same manuring and cultivation.

Other members gave their experience on planting and raising potatoes, which was interesting and instructive.

Mr. Pfaff, the President, resigned, and is going to become a resident of Winston-Salem. Mr. J. T. Ziglar was elected to fill his place for the remaining portion of the year.

The members of the club will not use this year more than one-third of the commercial fertilizers that they did last year.

The club adjourned to meet again the 8th of April, at night.

THOS. RING, Sec'y.

### HARMON GROVE CLUB.

Our club, Harmon Grove, now numbers thirty-seven members. The following are the officers: President, Wm. T. Warner; vice-President, J. E. Jarvis; Secretary, D. A. Binkley. We all get our meat at Lewisville.

D. A. BINKLEY, Sec'y.

### CATAWBA COUNTY FARMERS' CLUB—THE ORGANIZATION.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., there was a convention of the farmers of Catawba county at Conover. The weather was unfavorable, but the attendance was good. Col. H. A. Forney was made temporary chairman and J. D. Rowe temporary secretary. The chairman explained the object of the meeting—the organization of a county farmers' club. Nine subordinate clubs were represented.

The chair appointed a committee of one from each subordinate club on constitution and by-laws for the county club. The following were the committee: H. A. Forney, Cicero Cline, J. F. Miller, N. E. Sigmon, S. E. Killian, T. L. Hunsucker, Peter Little and Jacob Bowman. The committee and the convention was entertained by short addresses from some of the members.

The committee on constitution and

by-laws reported, and the proposed constitution was adopted.

Conover was chosen as the place for the regular meetings. The by-laws were then adopted.

The membership of the clubs represented was as follows: Hickory 35 members, Starrtown 20, Lyles' Creek 36, Conover 18. Cline's (township) Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 have respectively 41, 30, 27 and 11 members, Minerva Club 18. The following officers were elected: John W. Robinson, President; H. A. Forney, 1st vice-President; N. E. Sigmon, 2nd vice-President; M. J. Rowe, Recording Secretary; F. L. Herman, Corresponding Secretary; J. M. Miller, Treasurer.

On recommendation by their respective clubs the following were appointed members of the Executive Committee: L. P. Seitz, Hickory; Cicero Cline, Starrtown; J. M. Miller, Lyles' Creek; C. W. Herman, Conover; W. H. Rockett, Cline's, No. 1; T. L. Hunsucker, Cline's, No. 2; H. M. Isaac, Cline's, No. 3; Reuben Yoder, Minerva.

By request, Col. H. A. Forney read an address on the Origin and History of Agriculture.

The best methods of buying supplies and selling produce was then briefly discussed, but was left as unfinished business for next meeting.

The next regular meeting will be held at Conover on the fourth Saturday of March, beginning at 10 o'clock A. M.

Minutes of the meeting were requested to be published in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

SECRETARY.

Conover, N. C., March 7th, 1887.

### COUNTY LINE CLUB.

HICKORY, N. C., March 11, 1887.

**EDITOR PROGRESSIVE FARMER.**—Our club, the Catawba and Burke County Line Club, is, in numbers, growing slowly, but in interest steadily and firmly. We are actuated only by a sense of duty, and realizing that it takes time to accomplish anything. Already, by meeting and exchanging views and experiences, we feel that we have been greatly benefitted, if we will put it to practice. We have the best farmers in our bounds. Our club numbers 23, and our regular meeting is Saturday before the 1st Sabbath of each month, at Amey's and Brickyard Schoolhouse, interchangeably at 1 P. M. I am President, A. J. Cook vice-President, J. R. Jones, Secretary, and J. S. Sides, Treasurer. Our Executive Committee is, J. D. Morgan, H. A. Adams and Robert Sides.

With best wishes, I am, as ever, yours &c., J. F. CLICK.

The farmers in the neighborhood of Catawba, Catawba county, are taking steps for the organization of a farmers' club.

### THE WORK IN EDGEcombe.

The adjourned meeting of the Edgecombe Farmers' Club was held in the Court House Tuesday, when several new members joined. The meeting took practical steps towards organizing the farmers of the county. The township is to be made the unit of organization, and to form clubs in the several townships the following gentlemen were appointed as a committee:

- No. 1. E. D. Foxhall.
- No. 2. J. T. Howard.
- No. 3. G. W. Howard.
- No. 4. W. J. Lawrence.
- No. 5. H. Leggett.
- No. 6. M. J. Battle.
- No. 7. G. C. Battle.
- No. 8. W. T. Knight.
- No. 9. J. A. B. Thorne.
- No. 10. Jno. O. Oats.
- No. 11. A. B. Nobles.
- No. 12. Jesse Brake.
- No. 13. J. R. Mercer.
- No. 14. W. E. Bradley, assisted by Z. H. Weaver.

The President and Secretary were instructed to notify the several Township Committees that they would visit their Townships for the purpose of assisting in the formation

of Township clubs on or before a certain date and requesting committee to designate time and place.

Secretary Philips tendered his resignation as Secretary because of the distance to this place, and Mr. J. C. Powell was elected in his stead.

President Carr was heartily congratulated upon his appointment and confirmation as one of the trustees of the State College of Agricultural and Mechanic Arts.

Mr. H. L. Leggett wanted every member to ponder, debate and find out at next meeting, what the club in its meetings outside of regular business can do to maintain and increase the interest and attendance of the members. All promised to give a solution to the problem May 3rd, when the next meeting of the club is to be held.

In the mean time the *Southerner* would candidly say to the farmers, if they intend to accomplish anything they must form their township clubs and attend the meetings. —*Tarboro Southerner*.

### COUNTY ORGANIZATION IN IREDELL COUNTY.

We condense the following from the report of the Farmers' meeting as published in the Statesville *Landmark* of 10th inst.:

The farmers of Iredell met, pursuant to adjournment, at the court house Monday, March 7th. There were present about 100 members.

The committee on constitution and by-laws reported and the constitution and by-laws were adopted. The Association then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year:

President, Julian Allen.  
1st Vice-President, P. B. Kennedy.  
2nd " " J. W. A. Kerr.  
3rd " " J. M. Shook.  
Secretary, T. M. Mills.  
Treasurer, A. D. Kestler.

Executive Committee: E. E. Smith, chairman; H. C. Davidson, J. C. Joyner, J. P. Bradley, W. L. Ray, A. T. Smith, P. W. Eagle, John Coble, J. W. Lowrance and Dr. Jas. King.

The next meeting will be the first Monday in May next.

The farmers in the vicinity of Cherryville have organized a Farmers' Club. That is well. Would that all farmers would unite, then this important industry would advance more rapidly. All other trades and professions are united and the farmer should take this advantage also. —*Lincoln Press*.

Mr. H. N. Clark, of Littleton, Halifax county, writes us that a meeting of the farmers of that vicinity has been called for the 26th inst to organize a farmers' club, and that it is expected to start with fifty or sixty members.

A Farmers' Club has been formed on Zach's fork and will meet at Clarke's school house, next Saturday night, for final organization. —*Lenoir Topic*.

### OREGON'S WILD HOGS.

The well-known domesticated animal of the genus *sus*, of gluttonous and filthy habits, kept for the flesh and fat, and which is commonly known as the hog, is not indigenous to Oregon, but is frequently found here in a wild state in outlying districts. Hogs which have strayed off into the woods have increased and multiplied, and, owing to the mildness of our climate and abundance of food to be found, they live long and prosper. One old patriarch of a fellow was lately killed in the vicinity of Yaquina City bearing a pair of tusks which measured over nine inches from tip to tip. —*Portland Oregonian*.

Farming operations have been delayed somewhat by the continued wet weather, but the farmers have got their Spring work pretty well advanced. —*Rockingham Rocket*.

### State Items.

—The prospects for a fine wheat crop are encouraging. —*High Point Enterprise*.

—The farmers don't seem to be as much interested in plant beds this year as heretofore. —*Person County Courier*.

—The amount of home-made manures used by the farmers this year will be double that of any previous year. This is a step in the right direction. —*Murfreesboro Index*.

—Over 450 children attend the various Sunday schools in town. —*Over 225 commercial drummers stopped at the Exchange Hotel during the month past.* —*Reidsville Times*.

—Wheat is beginning to present a much better appearance than it did; that which was drilled being much in advance of that sown broadcast. —*Davidson Dispatch*.

—It appears that another railroad will soon run in two or three miles from this place. It will cross Roanoke River between Norfleet's Ferry and Palmyra, and go on South. —*Scotland Neck Democrat*.

—There is a colored man working on the High Point section who was married to his wife not fifteen years ago, and since that time she has presented him with 13 children. —*High Point Enterprise*.

—Tobacco plants are reported as coming up finely. —*From all the information at hand the wheat crop in this section is beginning to put on a promising appearance.* —*Montgomery Vidette*.

—Wheat in this section is looking tolerably well. —*Our farmers have seen the great error in the one-crop system, and are starting out on the right road to success.* —*Person County Courier*.

—On account of the low prices of tobacco, many farmers are discouraged, and will raise more bread stuff this year than heretofore. Let every farmer make his meat and bread first, and then give his attention to cotton and tobacco. —*Lexington Dispatch*.

—A large lot of fine beef Devon cattle passed through the streets on Tuesday destined for the Asheville market. They were from Lowndes' farm in Transylvania. What one can do, many may do; yet this farm is one in a hundred. —*Asheville Citizen*.

—The prospect is encouraging for a large attendance at the Farmer's Institute. —*Mr. Zebedee Hinshaw, near Central Falls, has a 7 year old son who has had three limbs broken. One of his legs and both arms have been broken and still the little fellow lives and enjoys life.* —*Asheboro Courier*.

—Mr. Julius Poovey, who lives about a mile beyond the Hickory toll bridge, showed us, last Saturday, a white rat, rather a rare animal in these parts. He says that he has seen as many as half a dozen at once in his barn picking up corn from the horse troughs. They are game fellows and whip off the gray rats. —*Lenoir Tropic*.

—We understand that a disease has made its appearance in the eastern portion of Burke and within a few miles of Hickory, which resembles small pox. Several have died of it, and old army men who have seen small pox, can see but little difference in the appearance of patients having either disease. —*Piedmont Press*.

—We are pleased to hear good reports from the wheat crop of the surrounding country. Of course it is too early to make certain calculations, but the prospect so far is encouraging. —*On Saturday evening fourteen of the county convicts at stockade, while engaged in singing and praying, succeeded in break-*

ing their shackles and escaped. —*When we look out from our office window and see so many wagon loads of bacon, corn, flour, hay, brar, &c., being hauled from the Railroad Depots to our mercantile establishments, we cannot help but think something is wrong in the management of farm affairs in this section.* —*Charlotte Home-Democrat*.

—Mr. Chas. B. McMillan's three year old child, an intelligent, bright-looking boy, can tell you without hesitation the name of any State in the Union, and can also point on the map any place you may ask for. He does it so easily that you would think he could read, but he does not know a letter in the alphabet. It is truly wonderful. —*Fayetteville Observer*.

—The engineers will complete the survey of the Lynchburg and Durham road in a few days, and steps looking to the early construction of this road will be speedily taken. —*For the week ending March 5th, the combined sales of leaf tobacco at the several warehouses amounted to 324,281 pounds—a decrease of 243,816 pounds compared with the previous week.* —*Durham Plant*.

—On our trip to Currituck court we saw that the farmers had planted an unusually large crop of peas this spring. They are well up and looking fine. —*Mr. B. B. Berry, of this county is 72 years of age and has been married four times. His last wife is about 58 years old and not long since presented her husband with a fine pair of twins.* —*Elizabeth City Falcon*.

—We hear from citizens on Town Fork that the farmers in that section will have to buy corn to keep up their stock till harvest. —*We understand the track on the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad is now laid within three miles of Walnut Cove, and that the cars will soon run to Hairston's mill, where a turn-table will be built. That point is less than a mile of Walnut Cove.* —*Danbury Reporter*.

—A number of men from Ohio contemplate locating in North Carolina will probably settle in or near Newton, as they have an eye on this place and surrounding country. —*From the amount of fresh land being prepared for cultivation, it seems that the farmers are going to work with a greater determination than ever to try to regain what they lost last year.* —*Newton Enterprise*.

—Mr. T. M. Stikeleather, of Turnersburg township, killed two wild turkeys on the 3d. They had their necks together and he brought them both down at one shot. Mr. Stikeleather is one farmer, by the way, who does not complain of hard times. He has not yet begun using his last year's corn and expects to have an abundance on hand when this year's crop is cribbed. —*Statesville Landmark*.

—The farmers are very backward. —*It will soon be corn-planting time. Some years ago, many farmers planted corn in March. Now-a-days there is very little corn planted before the first of April.* —*Clover is beginning to show and the farmer who has a good clover field smiles when he thinks how soon he will have something green for his stock, and will not have to go to his corn crib every time to feed.* —*Roanoke News*.

—Wheat is looking very fine. —*There were 243 instruments admitted to probate in this county during the month of February.* —*A gentleman in the lower end of the county informed us a few days ago that he planted last year 5 acres in peanuts and on the same farm thirteen acres in cotton, and made more money on the peanuts than on the cotton. He sold his peas for 73 cts a bushel. They are now worth \$1.30. He also told us that the farmers of that section would diversify their crops this year more than ever before.* —*Roanoke News*.