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OUR FARMERS' CLUBS.

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

FORSYTH COUNTY FARMERS' CLUB.

The regular quarterly March meeting of the Forsyth County Farmers' Club was held last Saturday, in the Court House in Winston, and although the subordinate clubs in the county were not all represented, the proceedings were spirited and interesting. President Lehman presided. In the absence of the Secretary, A. D. Hulín was elected Secretary pro tem.

Sandy Ridge Club was reported as represented by three delegates.

Spanish Grove by three.

Pleasant Ridge by two.

Cedar Grove by seven.

Barshavia by two.

Bethania by one.

Mount Tabor by one.

Rural Hall by one.

These clubs all reported progress in the order named.

Sandy Ridge holds meetings twice a month, day and evening, and is advancing and increasing in membership.

Spanish Grove meets twice a month, with good average attendance, membership increased from 14 to 39. Much interest manifested.

Pleasant Ridge meets twice a month, membership increased although some of the members have joined Bethania club as more convenient to them. Interesting discussions at all the meetings.

Cedar Grove claims to be the banner club of the county with a membership of 85, 61 active and 24 honorary members. The club will be one year old next Saturday, when the Secretary will make a full report of the year's operations and the results. The club is in a prosperous condition and is moving onward.

Barshavia is a new club, but a few weeks old, beginning with 19 members now numbers 27, the members being zealous and active.

Bethania, another new club, began with 8 members and at the third meeting numbered 23. The members are zealous and manifest much interest in the proceedings and work. Club meets once a month.

Mount Tabor meets once a month, its membership numbering 30. Much interest taken in the discussions.

Rural Hall Club organized three weeks ago, with 14 members, and although it had to contend with some indifference and opposition, is gaining in strength and is making good progress.

After the reports of the clubs had been received it was moved that the chair appoint a committee of three to raise funds to purchase the necessary books of record for the Secretary, which being carried the chair appointed R. B. Flynt, J. I. Craft and A. E. Pfaff as such committee, whereupon it was moved that the Secretary be instructed to purchase the necessary books and draw on the club for the cost of them, which was carried.

An interesting discussion followed on club work in general and the work of organization in particular. Mr. A. W. Bevel, president of Cedar Grove Club, spoke with much point and spirit of the good work the clubs were doing, the results manifesting themselves in various ways, and held that one of the chief impediments in the way of organizing clubs was the fact that so few farmers knew how to proceed in the work of organization while many did not seem to comprehend the club idea exactly, nor just what it meant, or how they were to be benefited by it. He had met many good, substantial farmers who seemed to know little about it, but when explained to them were heartily in favor of it. To obviate this difficulty he moved that the county club take this matter in hand and that the president appoint a committee, one from each of the subordinate clubs

in the county, to assist the farmers in the neighborhood of such clubs to organize when they desire to form a club.

This called for an expression of opinion from several members, Mr. Samuel Alsbaugh believing, while not antagonizing the motion of Mr. Bevel, that it would infuse more spirit into the work and secure better results if a mass meeting of the farmers of the county were called at some convenient time and place where the club idea could be discussed fully and freely, thus giving light to those who are in darkness.

The mass meeting took well, but there was a difference in opinion as to the most desirable place to hold it, three points being suggested, Winston, Sandy Ridge and Clinard's Stand. After a free discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of these respective points, the sense of the club was taken, the majority being in favor of Clinard's Stand.

The question then arose as to the best time for the holding of such mass convention, when it was decided to name the fourth Saturday in July, the time of the regular meeting of the club, and that the regular meeting of the club be held there and at that time.

It was moved and carried that all the subordinate clubs in this county be requested to consider the propriety of holding a joint picnic at that place on that day and report by the first of July their decision through the columns of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

In order to give the President time to consider the appointment of the organizing committee called for by Mr. Bevel's motion, it was moved and carried that the Secretaries of the respective subordinate clubs in the county make out a full list of the active members of each club, and forward to him as early as practicable. His post office address is E. T. Lehman, Bethania, N. C.

There seeming to be some uncertainty as to the hour of meeting it was moved that the club hereafter meet at 11 o'clock a. m. promptly and the club adjourned to meet again, on the fourth Saturday in July, at Clinard's Stand.

A. D. HULIN, Sec'y pro tem.

CEDAR GROVE CLUB.

The club met in called session Saturday night 19th inst., with a large attendance. Several new names were added to the roll of members.

After disposing of routine business, the subject for discussion, "whether it is better to cultivate vegetables than tobacco," was taken up and participated in by several members of the club. The drift of the discussion was in favor of vegetables, it being held that if they were raised in too great abundance, and thus become a drug upon the market, they still served the purpose of furnishing home supplies, enabling us to live better, fattening stock, &c.

M. I. N. Null considered the subject at some length in a written address, in which he made some capital points. He held that the prudent farmer should acquaint himself with the adaptability of his lands to particular crops and plant these best suited to the lands, which could easily be demonstrated by a little judicious experimenting. Many farmers in this section were attempting to raise tobacco on land in no way adapted to the successful growth of a good quality of tobacco. But to succeed in whatever we undertake there must be industry, energy and no waste of time. Much of the ill success on the farm must be attributed to the waste of hours each day that run into days in the month and months in the year.

He showed, by figures, that under good cultivation an acre of ground planted in potatoes and cabbage would yield a much handsomer result in dollars and cents than

could be hoped for from an acre of tobacco under the most favorable circumstances.

He urged farmers to act more in unison, to encourage each other and the cause they should have at heart by faithful attendance at the meetings and by taking that interest in the work and discussions which they all should take.

PROGRESS IN EDGEcombe.

BATTLEBORO, N. C., } MARCH 21, 1887. }

EDITOR PROGRESSIVE FARMER:—In accordance with the call of Mr. G. C. Battle, committeeman of Edgecombe Farmers' Club for organization of a township No. 7, a number of farmers assembled in Odom's Hall, Battleboro, N. C., on the 19th inst.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. G. C. Battle. Mr. G. L. Wimburly was called to the chair and W. E. Philips appointed temporary Secretary. Col. Elias Carr moved that a committee of three on permanent organization be appointed. The chair appointed Messrs. T. P. Braswell, J. J. Battle and J. B. Philips. The report of the committee that the organization be known as the Battleboro Farmers' Club, and that the plan of organization as published in the PROGRESSIVE FARMER be adopted, was on motion accepted. Members were enrolled and the following officers were elected: G. L. Wimburly, President; T. P. Braswell, Vice-President; W. E. Philips, Secretary and J. W. Powell, Treasurer. Messrs. J. J. Battle, J. B. Philips and W. D. Stokes were appointed as Executive committee.

On motion that two members of the club be appointed to deliver essays at the next meeting, the President appointed Messrs. J. J. Battle and J. W. Powell.

Col. Elias Carr being called upon made brief but energetic and timely remarks upon the necessity of organization to successfully resist the present existing conditions hostile to the farmers' interest. He spoke of the benefits to be gained by discussion of topics relating directly or indirectly to agriculture, and dwelt especially upon the formation of township clubs, as the only effective method of reaching and carrying to State or National agricultural assemblies the true sentiment of farmers on questions relating to their interests. He handsomely complimented the membership of this club, and his remarks were much applauded.

Mr. Paul Pender of the Battleboro Headlight, in response to a call expressed a sincere sympathy with the present movement of organization and pledged the support of his paper in its behalf. On motion of Mr. G. C. Battle the Headlight was adopted as the organ of the club. The Secretary was instructed to send notice of organization of this club and its proceedings to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and Tarboro Southerner.

The club then adjourned to meet again by invitation of Mr. J. J. Battle at his residence on the 2d Thursday of April.

W. E. Philips, Sec'y.

HICKORY CLUB.

HICKORY, N. C., } MARCH 22, 1887. }

EDITOR PROGRESSIVE FARMER:—Hickory Farmers' Club met in regular meeting on Saturday 19th inst., President, J. W. Robinson in the chair. The regular order of business was duly observed, after which the subject for discussion was taken up—"The best mode of preparing our land, applying manure &c., and time of seeding for Spring crops." A good many members participated in the discussion. All agreed as to the preparation of the land recommending deep plowing, pulverizing well, and applying manure liberally (if plenty).

Our county Club meets at Conover next Saturday 26, inst. The regular time of meeting is on Sat-

urday before 3d Sunday in each month. The subject for discussion at next meeting, is "The best mode of cultivating Spring crops."

F. L. HERMAN, Sec'y

CATAWBA CLUB.

According to appointment the farmers of Catawba and vicinity met at Catawba on Wednesday night 16th to organize a Farmers' Club but owing to the cool weather we had a small turnout, however after a very pleasant exchange of views on different subjects went into organization (pro tem.), J. H. Trollinger being chosen Chairman and C. A. Reid Secretary. The time for the next meeting was then set for Saturday 26th at 3 p. m., and subject for debate the "best manure for corn and the best manner of applying it."

—Newton Enterprise.

COUNTY LINE CLUB.

The next regular meeting of the Club will be at Arney's School House four miles West of Hickory, on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in April, at 1 o'clock, p. m.

The subject for discussion is, "Can farming be made a success in this country?" A. J. Cook and Lewis Warlick will affirm, and J. F. Clink and J. R. Jones will deny. Other speakers will be allowed to choose their side of the subject.

A large crowd is expected. Everybody is cordially invited—especially farmers and members of other Clubs, whose presence, at least, will add interest to the occasion.

COR. SEC'Y.

—Piedmont Press.

MOORE COUNTY MOVING.

We are requested by the Carthage township Farmers' Club to announce that a meeting of the farmers belonging to the different clubs throughout the county is desired to be held on Tuesday of Court, the 19th of April. The object of the meeting is the discussion of farm topics, and to take steps to organize a County Club.—Carthage Blade.

State Items.

—The cotton factory at this place is shipping large quantities of goods every day.—Rocky Mount Talker.

—Our farmers pronounce early fruit as completely killed by the frost. No peaches this year.—Leaksville Echo.

—Several friends tell us the peaches have been badly damaged by the severe cold of the past few days.—Asheville Citizen.

—More grass and clover seed have been sown in Davie county, in the last five months, than were ever sown before.—Davie Times.

—It is believed that nearly, if not quite, all of the peaches in this section have been killed.—Rockingham Spirit of the South.

—The farmers are not using as much guano as formerly.—Forest fires have been raging through the country.—Roanoke News.

—Rev. J. S. Gwaltney, of this county has accepted a call to the Baptist church at Elk Park and will move there at an early day.—Lenoir Topic.

—We lately saw a very pretty counterpane formed of 1395 pieces that had been worked in crochet by Mrs. James G. Martin in off hours during the last five years.—Danbury Reporter.

—Our farmers are hauling guano from the depot. Not so much by half as usual, but enough to make them scratch their heads next fall and say 'what fools we were.'—Scotland Neck Democrat.

Farmers' clubs are very properly becoming all the go. The Lower Creek farmers will meet at Marvin camp ground next Saturday week at 3 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a club.—Lenoir Topic.

—Farmers from different parts of the county report that farm work is fully two weeks further advanced than usual. The good weather of the past month has been taken advantage of.—Charlotte Observer.

—The track on a little over four miles of the Thomasville & Silver Valley road has been laid. The engine and part of the cars are already on the road and the work is being rapidly pushed forward.—High Point Enterprise.

—The pea crop has been given a serious set back by the cold snap and in many places on light land has been killed outright, but the truckers are hopeful yet of something like a half crop.—Newberne Journal.

—The Lindley Brothers are our authority for saying that the peach blooms are not all dead. In low places from half to two-thirds are killed, but upon the high land they are yet uninjured. This after a careful investigation.—Greensboro News.

—Col. J. M. Ray yesterday sold to Col. Ross, of Cincinnati, 30 acres of land located on the French Broad North of Smith's bridge, at \$200 per acre. The object of Col. Ross is to erect a number of cottage residences.—Asheville Citizen.

—We are pleased to learn from some of our Madison friends that the farmers of that county will give more attention to bread stuffs, vegetables and home supplies generally this year, and plant less tobacco but cultivate it more thoroughly, than heretofore.—Asheville Citizen.

—The Executive committee of the State Fair held a meeting Saturday and named October the 18th the day for opening the Fair. It will continue four days. Mr. John Nichols will continue as Secretary, his Congressional term not beginning until December.—Raleigh Chronicle

—Mr. Frank Swain has discovered a mica vein on his place, in Davidson county, near Clemmonsville, which indicates an abundant deposit. Mr. Swain will correspond with parties concerning his find, and if inducements are offered will work the same.—Winston Republican.

—The election held in Ritter's township on the 15th inst., to subscribe \$7,000 to the capital stock of the Carthage railroad, resulted in a majority favoring the subscription. As we have before stated, the subject is to extend the railroad to Parkewood, N. C., which is situated in Ritter's township.—Carthage Blade.

—The best indication of a good crop this year, or rather a reckoning, favorable to the farmer next fall, which means a good crop, because the laborer is paid for his time, is the fact that less fertilizers have been sold here this season than for many years past.—Salisbury Watchman.

—For week ending Saturday March 19th, the combined sales of leaf tobacco at the warehouses amounted to 170,036 pounds.

Smoking tobacco shipped: 103,561 pounds, worth \$38,411,000. Cigarettes: 5,511,000, worth \$17,727,80.

Snuff: 1,300 pounds.—Durham Plant.

—A gentleman who lives in the city told us the other day that he had 300 bushels of corn of his own raising to sell. He works a farm near the city, and says he raised 1,300 bushels of corn last year, but made only two or three bales of cotton. He is one of the prosperous farmers and business men of this section.—During the past month measles have prevailed throughout this section of the State more extensively than ever before know, and they have proved fatal in many cases. In the country they have been particularly bad. A friend tells us that in a radius of two miles in Paw Creek township there were over 100 cases last week.—Charlotte Democrat