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OUR FARMERS' CLUBS.

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

CATAWBA COUNTY FARMERS CLUB.

The Farmers County Club met in Conover on Saturday, the 26th day of March, 1887. Through the kindness of the Faculty of Concordia College, the Chapel was used as the place for the meeting. The house was called to order by the President, J. W. Robinson. Before proceeding to the regular order of business, the President was requested to address the meeting, to which he responded most acceptably. He insisted on a thorough organization, without which the farmers need not expect to succeed. He said that each Club represents a sheaf of wheat, and the County Club represents the shock. That in order to secure a good shock it is necessary that each sheaf be so bound that it will stand without the assistance of another, and then when all are brought together they cannot be easily overthrown. He urged the farmers to be more united in their calling, that in union alone is strength. Said that nothing should be said or done that would mar their harmony; that if they would be true to their calling a brighter day would surely dawn ere long.

The Constitution was then read. Roll was called. Each Club showed the following representation:

Hickory,	35 members.
Startown,	21 "
Lyles Creek,	36 "
Conover,	20 "
Clines No. 1,	41 "
" No. 2,	33 "
" No. 3,	34 "
" No. 4,	24 "
Catawba River,	28 "
B. & C. Co. line,	24 "
East Catawba,	20 "

The following are the Executive Committee chosen from each Club:

Hickory—L. P. Seitz.
 Startown—Cicero Cline.
 Lyles Creek—J. M. Miller.
 Conover—C. W. Herman.
 Clines No. 1—W. H. Rocket.
 " No. 2—T. L. Hunsucker.
 " No. 3—A. M. Moose.
 " No. 4—S. D. Little.
 Catawba River—J. W. Mouser.
 B. & C. Co. line—J. F. Click.
 E. Catawba—S. C. Brown.

The question of establishing a Farmers supply store was then considered. The following was the report of the committee:

WHEREAS, This being a matter of great importance to the Catawba county Farmers Club in its great work of reformation, and to better the condition of the farmers as a class.

Resolved, That the matter of a supply store be left open, and referred back to the County Club at its regular meeting in July. The report of the committee was received, and after a lengthy discussion, engaged in by Col. H. A. Forney, C. W. Herman, J. F. Click, N. E. Sigman, S. C. Brown, Dr. C. H. Bernheim, Prof. J. D. Rowe and others was tabled. Dr. C. H. Bernheim then read some very interesting letters and made some timely remarks on the subject of agriculture. On motion, a committee consisting of J. F. Click, J. P. Cline and H. A. Forney was appointed to consider and report a better system for landlord and tenants, the same to be discussed at next regular meeting. The Club then adjourned to meet in Conover on the 4th Saturday in July at 10 o'clock a. m.

M. J. ROWE, Secretary.

CRANE'S CREEK FARMERS CLUB, MOORE COUNTY.

On Saturday, March 26th, 1887, some of the farmers in the vicinity of Crane's Creek met at the school house of that place for the purpose of organizing a Farmers Club. Maj. John W. Scott was called to the chair temporarily. Mr. Scott explained the object and intention of Farmer's Clubs, after which the following names were enrolled as members of the Farmers Club of Crane's Creek: N. T. Tyson,

A. H. Cameron, D. Cole, B. W. Spivy, J. P. Gilchrist, J. A. McLeod, W. B. Parham, J. M. Tyson, J. B. Cole, Herbert Jackson and D. N. Caviness.

On permanent organization. A. H. Cameron was elected President, B. W. Spivy, Vice-President, D. N. Caviness, Secretary, and Herbert Jackson, Treasurer. N. T. Tyson, D. Cole and J. P. Gilchrist were elected an Executive Committee. D. Cole and D. N. Caviness were appointed a committee to report on Constitution and By-Laws. The Constitution and By-Laws as given in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER were adopted with very slight modifications.

J. P. Gilchrist was elected delegate to the County Club, which will meet at Carthage Tuesday, April 19th, 1887.

The Secretary was ordered to notify the editor of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER of our organization.

The Club then adjourned to meet on Saturday, April 23d, 1887. From present indications we will have a strong club. Success to PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

D. N. CAVINESS, Secretary.

The farmers of Moore are moving for a County Club. A meeting has been called by Club No. 1, Pocket township, for the 19th inst., at Carthage. The following were appointed as delegates: Thos. C. Campbell, Evander McGilvary, Jas. D. Henley, O. B. Murchison, Eugene McIver, D. M. Underwood, A. M. Wicker, G. B. Cole, W. R. Camqbell, Geo. Willcox, J. F. Gilliam and Geo. Cole.

E. MCGILVARY, Presiding.

D. M. UNDERWOOD, Sec. pro tem.

An interesting meeting of Lenoir Springs Farmers Club was held on the 2d inst.

A GRANGE RE-ORGANIZED.

Mr. J. T. Eaton, General Deputy of State Grange, P. of H. of N. C., re-organized Palmetto Grange No. 110 at Vanceboro on Tuesday night with seventy-two members—43 males and 29 females. The following are the officers: Mr. Thomas Buck, Worthy Master; Mr. Lewis Dickson, Overseer; J. A. Jackson, Esq., Lecturer; Chas. J. Buck, Stewart; Mr. W. E. Brown, Assistant Stewart; Mr. J. Y. Pegram, Chaplain; Mr. C. C. Butler, Sr., Treasurer; Mr. Peter Willis, Secretary; Mr. John W. Simpson, Gate Keeper; Mrs. M. D. Dewey, Pomona; Miss Alice Jackson, Flora; Mrs. M. Simpson, Ceres; Mrs. E. Ewell, Lady Assistant Stewart.

Mr. Eaton reports that there is considerable enthusiasm among the farmers for organization, and he thinks the Granges in this section will be in a flourishing condition within a year.—New Bern Journal.

It is proposed to hold a Farmers Mass Convention in Lexington early in the month of August. If the farmers of the good county of Davidson will undertake it they will make it a grand success. And they should have it by all means. They need it and it will do them good.

The High Point Enterprise says a Farmer's Club will be organized in that town on the 29th inst.

CATAWBA VALLEY CLUB.

The Catawba Valley Farmers Club met March 26th, 1887, organized by electing Capt. J. S. Bridges President; M. J. Cochran, Vice-President; Capt. J. H. Sherrill, Treasurer; C. A. Reid, Secretary. On motion J. H. Sherrill, J. L. Cline and J. Q. Rowe were appointed a committee to draft constitution and by laws for this club and report at next meeting. The subject of discussion was the best manure for corn and how to apply it.—Newton Enterprise.

At the meeting of the East Catawba Farmers Club on the 2d inst. it was agreed to measure off a piece of land and see who could raise the most corn, cotton, potatoes, &c., to the acre, premiums to be considered at the next meeting. The subject for discussion

at the meeting on the third Saturday in this month is "Does farming pay, and if so, how does it pay best?" S. C. Brown was elected secretary in place of the former secretary, who had moved away.

MITCHELL'S MILL CLUB, WAKE COUNTY.

On the 2d instant a club was formed at Mitchell's Mill, and the following officers were elected:

J. B. Redford, President; R. C. Mitchell, Vice-President; R. J. Barham, Treasurer; R. M. Barham, Secretary.

The Constitution and By-Laws published by the PROGRESSIVE FARMER were adopted. The Club will meet again on the fourth Saturday of April, when they expect to have a large addition to their numbers. Postoffice, Hartsville, N. C.

GOOSE CREEK FARMER'S CLUB, UNION COUNTY.

Our Club held its third meeting on the 19th ultimo and effected a permanent organization by electing the following gentlemen:

President, J. M. Braswell; Vice-President, E. E. Braswell; Secretary, S. L. Mullis; Executive Committee, J. L. Chaney, W. E. Presley, J. A. Clonts, J. S. Jones and J. J. Tomberlane.

We now number 51 members, and the whole Club is fully alive to everything which may build us up and better our condition as a class. We feel that the farmers of the whole country should organize for their protection and advancement. We will cry "hard times, until we learn the truth that we must depend on our own efforts and own brains and stand together. Please send us sample copies of your paper and give us your best rates to clubs. We want to keep posted and the way to do it is to read our newspaper.

S. L. MULLIS, Sec'y.

PLEASANT RIDGE CLUB.

Our club met March 19th, and we discussed the question of "diversification of crops."

F. N. Pfaff being called on to open the discussion said: Gentlemen, we must diversify our crops more than we have been doing. Every should raise wheat enough to do him and oats and corn. We should pay a more attention to the raising of grass than we have been doing. By raising grass and plenty of good hay for our stock, we can save a great deal of corn, and the grass helps to improve our lands, and it helps us in raising stock, and the grass and stock will help us to make manure and thus build up our farms. We must curtail our tobacco crops, though I am not going to quit raising tobacco entirely, but I'm first going to try to make plenty of wheat, oats, corn and hay, vegetables of all kinds such as potatoes, both Irish and sweet, cabbage, &c. Then I will try to raise a small crop of tobacco and try to make that good. But raising a large crop of tobacco requires so much work that we are bound to neglect our other crops and also the improving of our lands.

Mr. J. I. Leimback: What constitutes a happy life on a farm? It is not this one crop system, the culture of tobacco. It is raising plenty of the necessaries of life which we are bound to have. By the raising of tobacco we have moved our graneries and smokehouses North. Last summer I had three fresh milk cows my least boy, 9 years old, was my herdsman. He would take my cows out and attend to them twice a day, and when he was not out with the cattle he would be putting leaves into my cow stalls. I had milk and butter plenty, and I tell you it takes no small quantity at my house, I have a large family. I had several young hogs which I fed principally upon milk. This is what my youngest boy did while three of my older boys and myself were working on the farm trying to raise tobacco and corn, &c. I consider my youngest boy the most valuable hand I have on my farm.

Mr. R. B. Flynt said I agree with

these men that every farmer should raise plenty of grain to do him. And I am going to try to fix myself for raising stock. By raising stock and grass and I can build up my farm. We ought prepare our land well for wheat. Plow deep but not turn the land too deep. But for corn I don't think it matters how deep we turn our land and then keep plowing deep in cultivating your corn and get your soil well mixed. But I don't think we ought to quit raising tobacco entirely. But don't go crazy over it as we have done. But what we raise make it good.

Mr. A. D. Hulin: Gentleman I agree with the rest of you on raising tobacco. We raise too much. I would like to see some of you take notice of what time you spend on a crop of tobacco. All the manure we make and all the fertilizers we buy the tobacco crop gets. We must raise more grass and stock; one is essential to the other. The best and most valuable crop I ever raised was clover. I know it was worth \$50 an acre. We don't prepare our land for wheat as we should do. The tobacco worms keep us from it. This everlasting tobacco is always in the way—it's tobacco first, tobacco last and tobacco all the time. We ought to pay more attention to the raising of oats and potatoes. Potatoes are like the old darkey's rabbit—they are good this way and good that way—they are good any way. They are good for the old woman, good for the children, good for the cattle, good for the pigs and in fact they are good for every thing.

F. N. PFAFF.

ROCK RIDGE CLUB, WILSON COUNTY.

We are glad to report a club organized in this county. By appointment several farmers of this section met at Rock Ridge Academy on the 29th ult., at night, and organized a club of about twenty-five members with the following officers: L. B. Boyette, President, Benagie Scott, Vice-President, L. H. Boykin, Secretary. Much interest and enthusiasm was manifested in this meeting and we expect fifty or seventy-five members very soon.

I hope to see a club in every township in this county very soon. I will try at the meeting of the County Club to get some progressive and live farmers in each township appointed as a committee to organize clubs in their townships. I do hope to see this done in every county in the State, and then these County Clubs to co-operate with a well organized and conducted State Club. By a thorough system of organization we can more readily get at each other and find out our wants, and especially can we more readily be benefitted by the efforts of our State department, which I hope has started to get into a good position, if managed by the right man, to do a vast amount of good to our farmers.

I hope to see more in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, from your correspondents, of what they have done and how they did it, than what may or ought to be done. Thousands of farmers know that they ought to change but they don't know how to do it. We want to know how every successful and progressive farmer in the State made his success. What he did, how he did it, and where? Will try to make up a club at our next meeting for your paper.

Very Truly Yours,
H. F. FREEMAN.

State Items.

There are twenty-seven inmates at the county poor house.—Ashboro Courier.

Several farmers clubs have been organized in Caldwell county.—Newton Enterprise.

We are daily in receipt of cumulative evidence that, thus far, the peach blossoms near and away from town are not all killed. There is promise of a fair crop of the early, a few of the medium and some very late kinds.—Greensboro Morning News.

A car load of McCormick's latest improved mowers and self binders arrived here this week.—Salisbury Watchman.

A block of mica was recently discovered in Jackson county, measuring 26 by 36 inches and 10 inches thick, and weighing 1,000 pounds.—Newton Enterprise.

It is estimated that the daily output of the mills situated on Pungo and Pamlico rivers, when they run their full capacity, is over 250,000 feet of timber.—Washington Gazette.

Parties in Raleigh will build a horse car railroad across Bogue beach, from the landing on the sound. This will add greatly to the many new attractions of the Atlantic Hotel the coming season.—Weekly Record.

We are informed that on the old Meyer's plantation there is a vessel fully 75 feet long, which is buried in the mud ten miles from the Chowan and nine from the Cashie river.—Windsor Public Ledger.

A survey of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad from Milboro to Asheboro has been ordered. Randolph county is in high glee over the prospect of a railroad extension, which may ultimately work through Asheboro to Troy and Wadesboro.—North State.

On Tuesday, March 29th, a young white man named Davie Payne was drowned in Haw river at Cedar Cliff, while attempting to cross the stream in a boat. His body floated down the stream and was found in the mill pond at Cedar Cliff last Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock.—Orange County Observer.

If there is any patriotism in balloting, the citizens of Winston township will be given an unusual number of opportunities to display this virtue during the next few months. There is the Railroad election, April 14th. Municipal elections, 1st Monday in May; Local Option election June 6th.—Union Republican.

Mr. F. H. Fries, of Salem, has among his numerous collections of curiosities and mementos of a recent pleasure trip to foreign lands a copper cent, partially imbedded in lava, which was so surrounded in his presence, while standing near the crater of Mt. Versuvius, with the burning, seething lava flowing at his feet.—Winston Republican.

It is estimated by those who are in position to know, that not over half of the year's tobacco crop has yet been sold.—The sale of commercial fertilizers here this season is as nothing compared with that of past seasons. The farmers, during the fall winter and spring, have made more compost—some with and some without the use of acid—than they ever made before.—Statesville Landmark.

We hear that a man's house and farm is to be sold at the court house soon under a mortgage for a debt of seven dollars.—A letter has been received from Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, in which he signifies his intention of being here on the occasion of the unveiling of the Confederate monument on the 10th of May. However he will not deliver the address, as his business engagements are such as does not allow him sufficient spare time to prepare a suitable address for the occasion. Senator Vance has been invited and will doubtless deliver the address.—Smithfield Herald.

Mr. John Carter, near Wentworth, has two turkey hens which he says lay three eggs each every day.—The peaches, if not all killed, are so badly burned by the frost that it is thought they will drop off before they mature.

A drunken man would be quite a show on our streets, and would create as much excitement as a dog fight.

The farmers who have visited our office the past week all agree that tobacco plants are destroyed. No great preparation, they say, as heretofore, has been made, and even if everything had been favorable there would not have been the usual quantity; but now the prospect for any crop seems to be cut off, as the plants are dead.—Leakville Echo.