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under either party in either state or famous potato raiser from Clinton. nation. Some people counsel pa- gave his experiences in detail. The tience. In the case of rural credits conference was entirely informal and legislation, they are wrong. It is a all indulged in free and full discussion blow against the strongest of the of the different matters brought up. strongholds of special privilege, the money trust. If the people would lie was made of Winthrop College down and do nothing it would be a grounds and buildings. It was quite generation hence before justice a treat for these men to see the largwould be done the people.

public teats so long that it becomes ing to make their inspection pleasant indignant and resents any attempts and profitable. He stated that 600 to separate it from the fountain head. girls of the 1,500 applying had to be And it has enough hired and subsidiz- turned away for lack of dormitory ed heelers in both parties to hold on until the whole people rise up in righteous wrath and indignation.

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## WIDE-AWAKE SOUTH CAROLINA FARMERS MAKE A PHLGRIMAGE

Some of the Good Things They Saw and Some of the Lessons They Carried Home With Them

IT IS gratifying to see that we are beginning to have agricultural pilgrimages in these latter days. Over in the Orient Mohammedans and Buddhists make long pilgrimages to the places where their religious leaders lived and worked, and in our own country men make pilgrimages to see famous places like Gettysburg and Mount Vernon, and also to visit great industrial cities. Now the agricultural pilgrimage is coming into favor. Two or three weeks ago we called attention to the big excursion of Mecklenburg County farmers who left their homes under the direction of Demonstration Agent Graeber and went to Catawba County, N. C., to see with their own eyes just what these Catawba farmers have done in dairving and in cooperative marketing of all kinds-butter, eggs, poultry, potatoes, etc., besides their rural building and loan association, mutual fire insurance, clubs of United Farm Women, etc., etc.

"At 3:30 p. m. a tour of inspection est girl's school in the South and Dr. Special privilege has sucked the Johnson, the President, spared nothroom.

"The balance of the afternoon after 4:30 was spent on the streets and in the club rooms of the city, the visitors getting acquainted with a large number of citizens who were always on hand to show them around and extend the "Good Town's" welcome. At 5:45 the visitors left for Clinton, many of them claiming that the day had been enjoyed as much as any day of their lives."

## THE RIGHT SORT OF COUNTY UNION MEETING

## Practical Subjects Discussed, Good Music and Bountiful Dinners Provided, and Neighborliness and Coöperation Encouraged

HE Farmers' Union in Buncombe I is up and busy and one good way to keep it going we find, is to hold our county meetings out in the rural communities instead of in town. There was such a meeting held on the 11th inst., at Hemphill, a good community in this county, which was a success in every particular.

The people turned out by wagon carriage and buggy load; and still others by horseback, muleback and footback; so when the time for opening came the hill was covered with men, women, girls, boys and babies all in their best "bib and tucker" and full of the picnic spirit.

The subject selected for discussion



The same plan has now been adopted with good results by a group of Clinton, S. C., farmers. Forty of them who wished to find out more about the famous alfalfa farms around Rock Hill, S. C., made a trip to Rock Hill recently. The Editor of the Rock Hill Record sends us an interesting account of their trip as follows:

"First of all, an automobile tour was made of the most progressive farms in the section. These included Winthrop College farm, T. L. Johnston's cattle farm, Jno. T. Roddey's cattle and alfalfa farm, and others. The most pleasing and educational observations were made at the beautiful alfalfa fields of Mr. Cherry, the creamery at Winthrop Farm, which has been manufacturing the butter from cream collected from the new cream route the Chamber of Commerce started some months ago, and the various types of beef and dairy cattle which were studied by all.

"At one o'clock the crowds of visitors and home people retired to the park, where the Chamber of Commerce served a barbecue and brunswick stew dinner, an address of welcome being made by President Roddey. Another address was made by C. R. Weeks, Professor of Agriculture in the College, on alfalfa. Prof. Weeks is at the head of the Alfalfa Association, which has over 200 members in the two Carolinas, and which by cooperation has saved many thousands of dollars to its members in the purchase of lime and seed, to say nothing of the advice furnished those who plant the wonderful crop. Mr. Dunlap, cashier of a local bank, spokecon cattle and hogs, giving his reasons for the liberal policy his bank has adopted in the matter of lending money to farmers without security with which to begin raising pure-bred hogs and why he considered it a good investment to have the bank buy \$1.500 worth of pure-bred Hereford bulls and furnish the farmers in different parts of the country free. Rock Hill people learned a great deal from the meeting, too, as Mr. Harris, a

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was, "winter cover crops as a means of soil building"; which was opened for round table discussion and guite a number of farmers spoke giving their ideas of the best cover crops and their importance as soil conservators, etc. All these short talks were interspersed with popular music by the local string band, which added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion. Then came dinner, and such a dinner! The ladies surely did prove themselves past masters in the culinary arts. Everything good to eat that a man could think of, and then all else a woman could think of besides, was spread before us. After this the Union went into executive session in the hall over the Union store which is doing a very satisfactory business at this place.

Then followed the inevitable base the day.

We think such meetings well worth the while. Being open to all we have a great many attending who are not members of the Union and have a chance to get closer to them and thus build sentiment among young and old in favor of farmers' organizations, promote fellowship and a better cooperative spirit and at the same time serves as a means of bringing country folks together in social intercourse-a thing all too uncommon in the past.

These monthly meetings rotate from one section to another during the summer and fall months, at each of which some timely subject relating to good farming is selected beforetime for discussion, hence are educational as well as social and en-E. D. WEAVER. tertaining. Buncombe County, N C.

Dr. Poe makes out a strong case and we hope no reader of The Robesonian will overlook reading his article. When you get through reading his article you will agree with him that "twelve-cent prices are justified by the world's demands, by the crop outlook, by the financial condition of the country, and by the opportunities now afforded by the Federal Reserve system."-Lumberton Robesonian.